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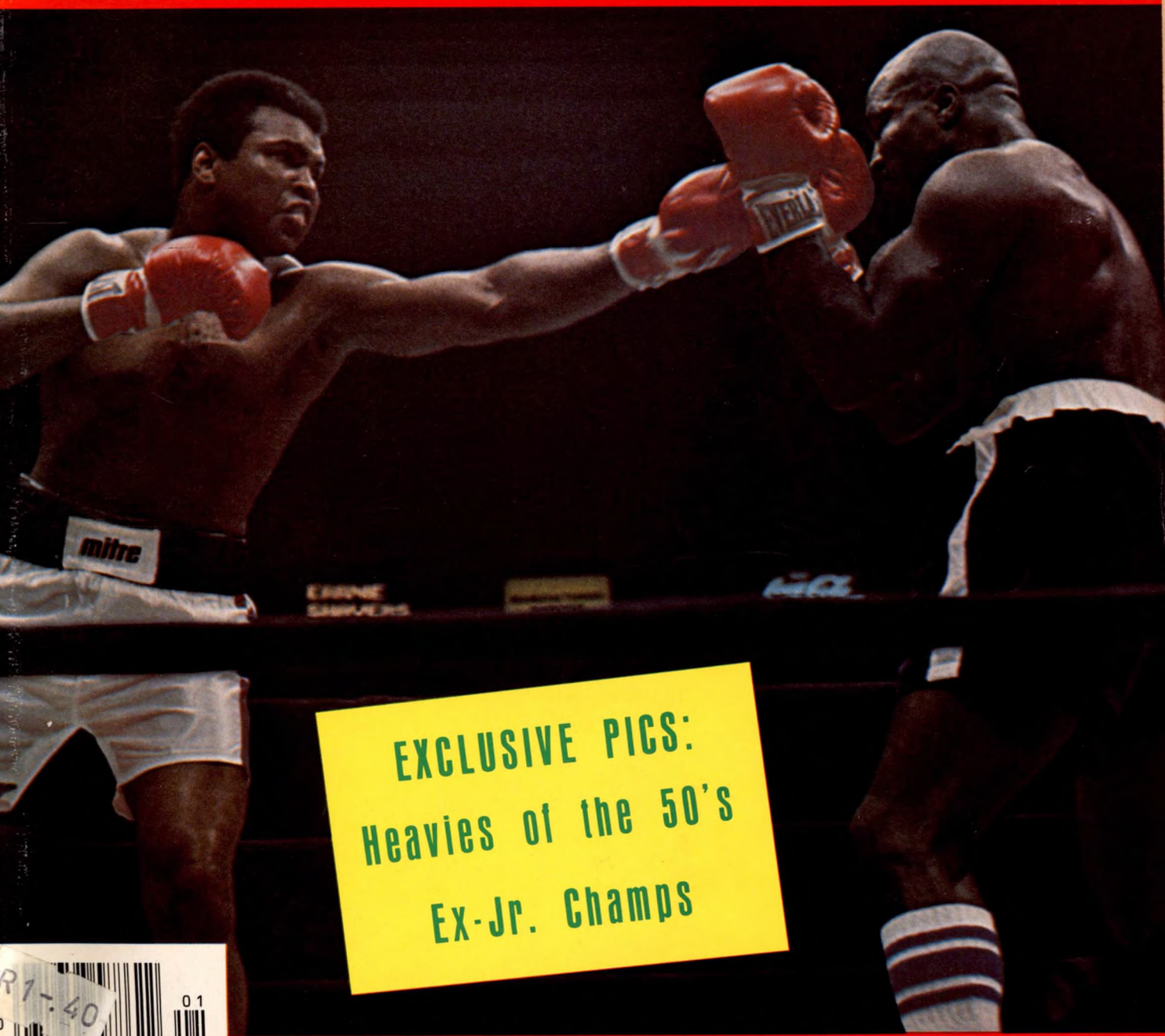

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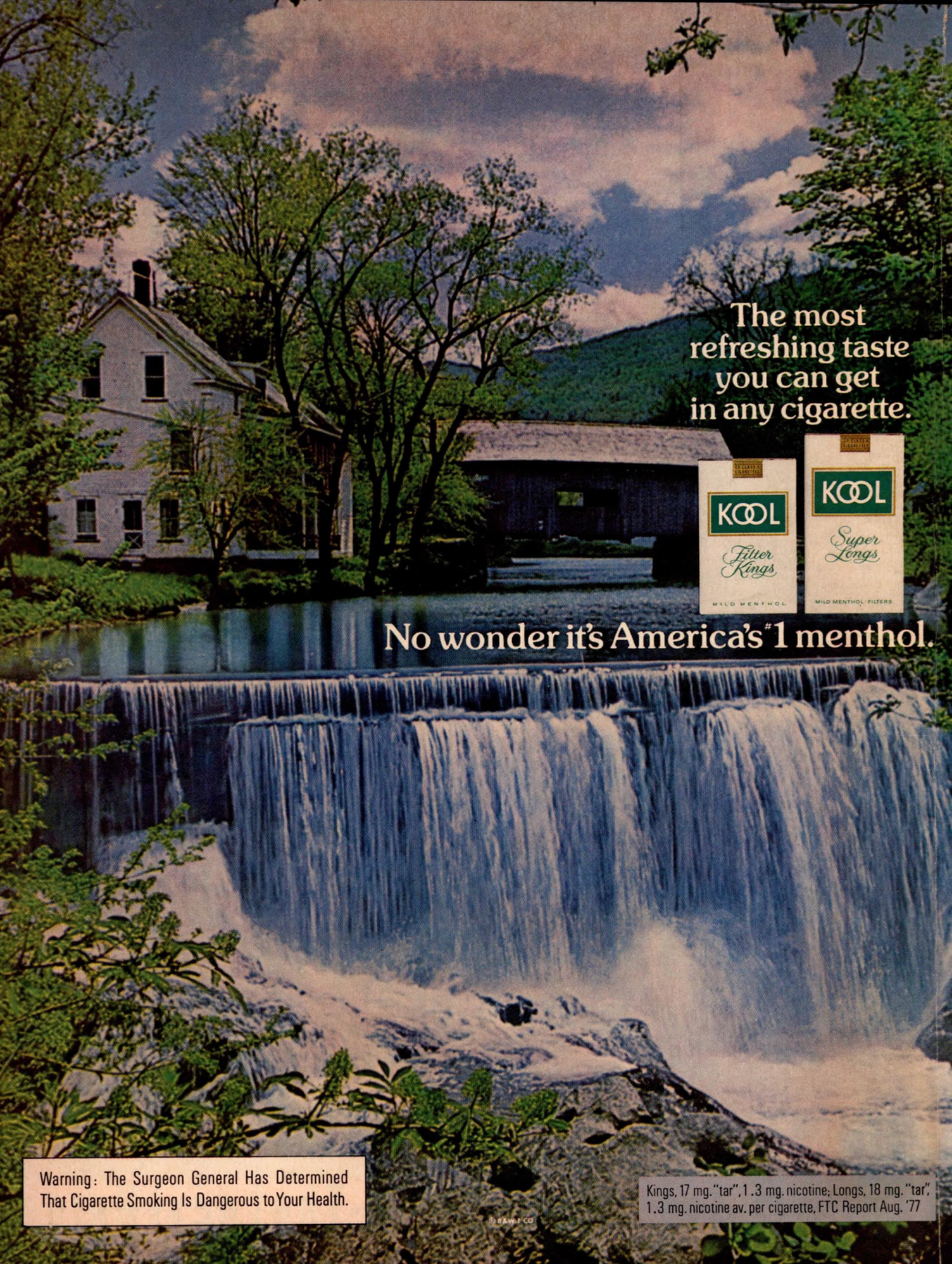
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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

by BY NAT LOUBET,

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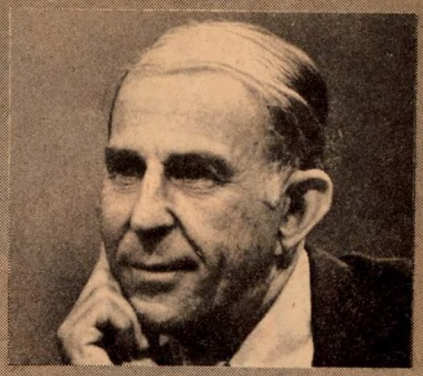

THE RECENT Muhammad Ali and Earnie Shavers embroglio that took place in Madison Square Garden, New York, left a trail of unhappiness at the decision which some fans felt was unjust. However the pain has passed into the limbo of the forgotten complaints department.

Regardless of my personal opinion as to the winner and to the various feelings as to what a man must do to acquire a title, the decision was official, and as such will stand and we will pass on to other matters.

What disturbs me most is another case of a television network making decisions pertaining to a sport about which they know very little and acting as pundits making decisions based solely upon an effort to increase the "sell" on a program by making a Roman Circus out of sport.

Case in point for my being irate. The National Broadcasting Company, which televised the Ali-Shavers fight, came up with an inspiration of showmanship, not sport; a vaudeville routine. The idea was to flash to the watching video audience the results of official score cards after each round.

Ted Nathanson, who produced the fight for NBC, had received permission from the New York State Athletic Commission to try this inovation that was a vast departure from all boxing tradition.

An Associated Press report quotes Nathanson's reasons for his brain child as follows: "We installed the system in order to provide an added dimension. The purpose was to keep the TV viewer informed and there was no intention that it should be used in the arena." He goes on to say: "We have made no firm judgment on the use of this plan. I can only say we have not received one call protesting it."

I don't know why NBC would expect to receive calls from viewers since it is just another piece of trivia to the man watching at home, but doesn't NBC think of the ramifications of flashing a score by rounds?

Perhaps the NBC people should be excused on the basis that they don't know all the facts of boxing and the potential abuses of flashing scores round by round as a fight progresses. But that the New York State Boxing Commission, supposed to have boxing expertise, should so stupidly allow the airing of scoring so that fans could know how a fight is progressing is truly amazing and disappointing.

Now what is wrong with what was done by airing the scores round by round?

The fans at home were privy to the official score cards, but those who paid in the arena were not. This is lucky, since the disturbances created at sports events by overly enthusiastic fans is well documented. Such knowledge could easily trigger riots that have become all too much a part of some sports fans' routine. The last game of the world series at the Yankee Stadium in which fans and police were injured shows the care that must be taken to prevent riots.

Boxing has been more open to arena disturbance than most sports. Ethnic groups, rooting for their favorites, have been known to erupt with violence when a final decision has been rendered against their fighter. AND, don't forget the gambling element, who bet on the outcome of fights. With this new idea they will be betting on the outcome of a fight by rounds. Results? The poor losers could start a riot at the end of every round instead of just at the termination of a fight. Don't take this too lightly! Enough riots and a few injuries and boxing will have another black eye from which to prove its reason for being allowed to continue.

And, how about that old American addage of fairness? Should fighters be allowed to know how the

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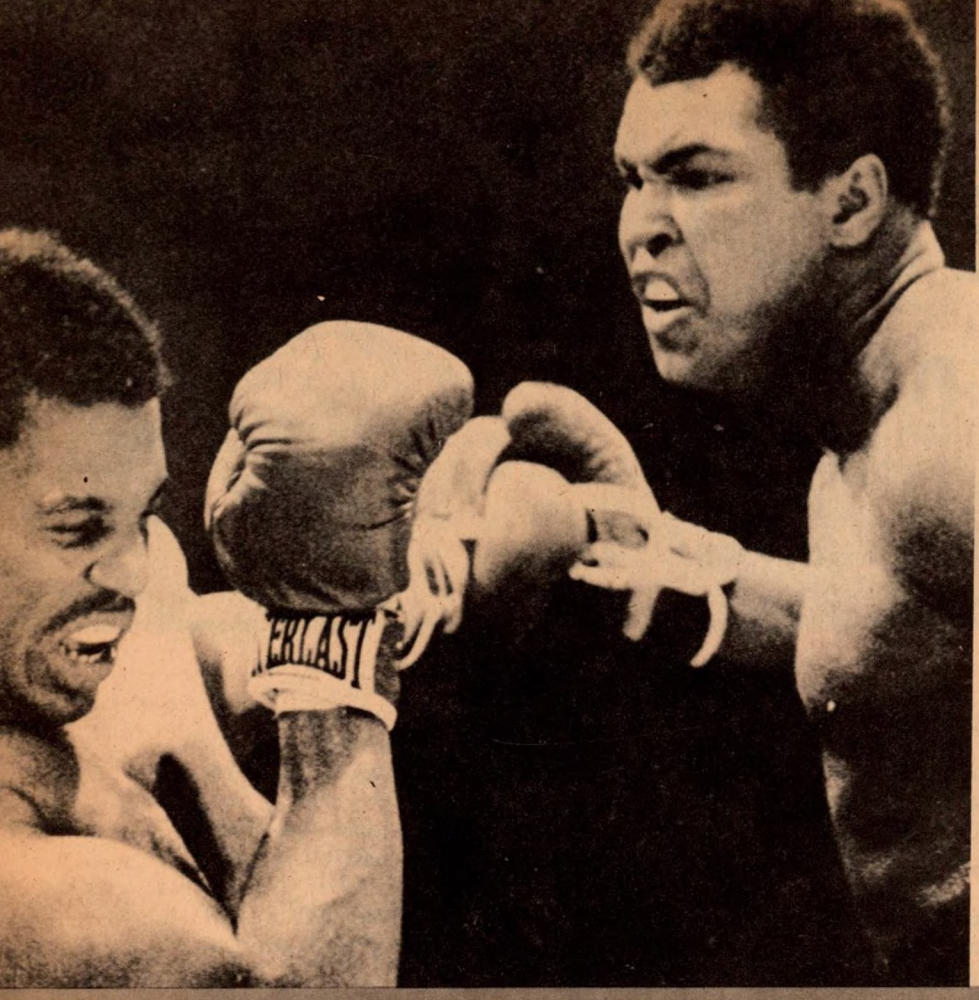


Muhammad Ali successfully defended his heavyweight crown against the elusive Jimmy Young, left, in their Landover, Md., bout of April 30, 1976, but many experts questioned the decision and wondered about "The Greatest's" future.

THE ALI ROLLER COASTER!

By LESTER BROMBERG

LIFE WITH Muhammad Ali always has been a roller coaster; why change in the closing phase of his career?

For this meteoric heavyweight champion, it's been an up and down ride with sudden turns and sweeping dips. To follow him and his moves, you have to watch every move.

What is certain at this writing as Ali approaches his 35th birthday, on January 18, 1978, is that he's irrevocably going out. But don get caught by Ali's tactical snuffle. He may take a year to do it, and probably will oss in a couple of innocuous title fights . . . but then, he might surprise you.

How? Ali could spring one final shocker. He may take one more big one, denying all logic that indicates that he should quit because there's every evidence that he is, roughly, 80 per cent finished.

If the money could become ridiculously high, he would risk it. For, say, $7 million, he would fight the No. 1 challenger as of early 1978. When all the smoke has cleared away between Ken Norton and Jimmy Young, who are the top disputants at this point, Ali will obviously be offered the match.

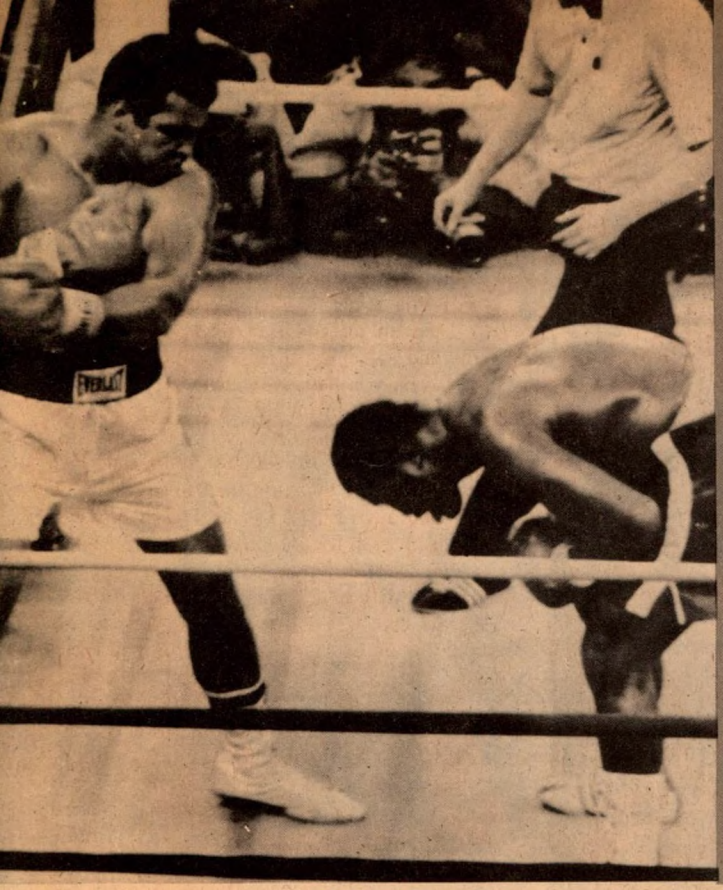
Only one thing will provide the answer. The electric red light in his acute brain will light up if they, meaning the power structure which is the television networks, think it is worth that much.

The price would be the same for both Norton and Young. If you are interested in a private opinion, he would prefer Young to face than to Norton. This is a question of style, but it is immaterial if the money is there. He accomodates anybody.

If, for example, the networks were to decide that his demands are too high, he will say, in effect, "No go, I'm not interested, I have other plans from now on."

They might even include a retirement, as final as that, after 12 years as the most dominant guy in the heavyweight division.

An Ali peak was evident when he re-captured the heavyweight title from George Foreman, right, in Kinshasa, Zaire, on October 29, 1974, with a KO in eight.



The Ali-Frazier "Thrilla in Manila" of October 1, 1975, not only showcased Ali's skill as a boxer, but also went down in boxing annuls as a ring classic.

Again, a private opinion; I think he tops the list of heavyweight champions over the past 50 years, barring Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

The authorities who sit in the catbird seats, the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council, mainly, most likely would (a) decide on an elimination match, or matches, to decide a successor, (b) they would try to disenfranchise Ali as a champion.

You know that the old champion will not sit still for any such treatment. In his mind, he still will be champion until he says so. If the WBA and WBC have forgotten, he's at his dramatic best under such circumstances. In 1967, he took on bigger game. He refused to cross the line to induction into the U.S. Army. The commissions (New York and the WBA and WBC, among others) dethroned him. The highest authority in the land took up the case. Nearly three years later the Supreme Court found it wasn't so. A lot of erasers rubbed out the suspension and he went back into action.

Ali has plenty of ammunition at his disposal for the political wars of boxing.

A friendly word to the friends of boxing in high places is in order.

It can be assumed that the agencies mean well in policing derelict champions into defending. Six months in the competitive life of Cassius Clay, known as Muhammad Ali, would be nothing at this time, or any time. He has made title-defending a dutiful, frequent chore. Nagging him is not kind in view of the facts. Moreover, he would make sense to the sports public in any answer he chooses to make.

Q - Has he previously fought Jimmy Young?

A - Are you kidding? He defeated Young in 15 rounds, April 30, 1976, according to the officials. (You can say Young was robbed, but the vote stands.)

Q - Has he fought Ken Norton?

A - No less than three times; twice when he wasn't champion, once as champion. The officials results: March 23, 1973, he lost in 12 rounds; September 10, 1973, he won in 12, and September 28, 1976, he won in 15. (The first and second were non-title gos, and the title fight, of course, was thought highly questionable by the sports world.

But nobody got any money back if he bet on Young or Norton. That's the name of the game.

Ali will go by the official facts and a few thousand arguments of his own, which will include the following: Everybody has had a chance at the title, and Ali will add: "If anybody, including the public and the networks, wants to see me again, let them meet my price."

He might throw in a complaint: "Don't you realize that I'm an old man, I'm a tired man, etc."

The bargaining, then, if the people **must** see him, will bring his price down. If the powers that be will accept a second-flight heavyweight as an opponent, he will take a rock-bottom figure, $3 million. He got that for fighting Earnie Shavers — and the Garden made a million on the show, proving that's a good buy at the price.

If time weren't running out on Ali, he could find that sort of opponent again and again.

However, he really is tired. He's smart too. He will not enter a ring unless it's worth the trouble.

He has spoke of "other plans."

An intimation is the NBC — TV cartoon series for youngsters now running every Saturday morning. It has been well received and it pays excellently. Only in voice does he appear, except in a brief message.

But that is the tip of the iceberg. Ali's working on a big project. If he can close a deal with a huge company, being TV-minded and promotion-conscious, for a sizeable number of years, he would take it at a moment's notice, and irrevocable retirement would be imminent.

Many outstanding champions in the past have longed for the same package. But they

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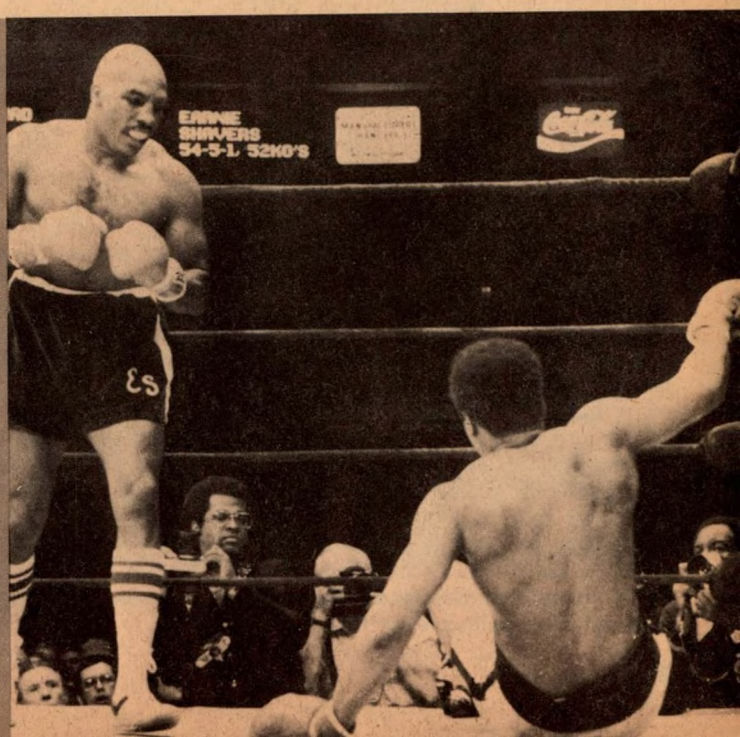
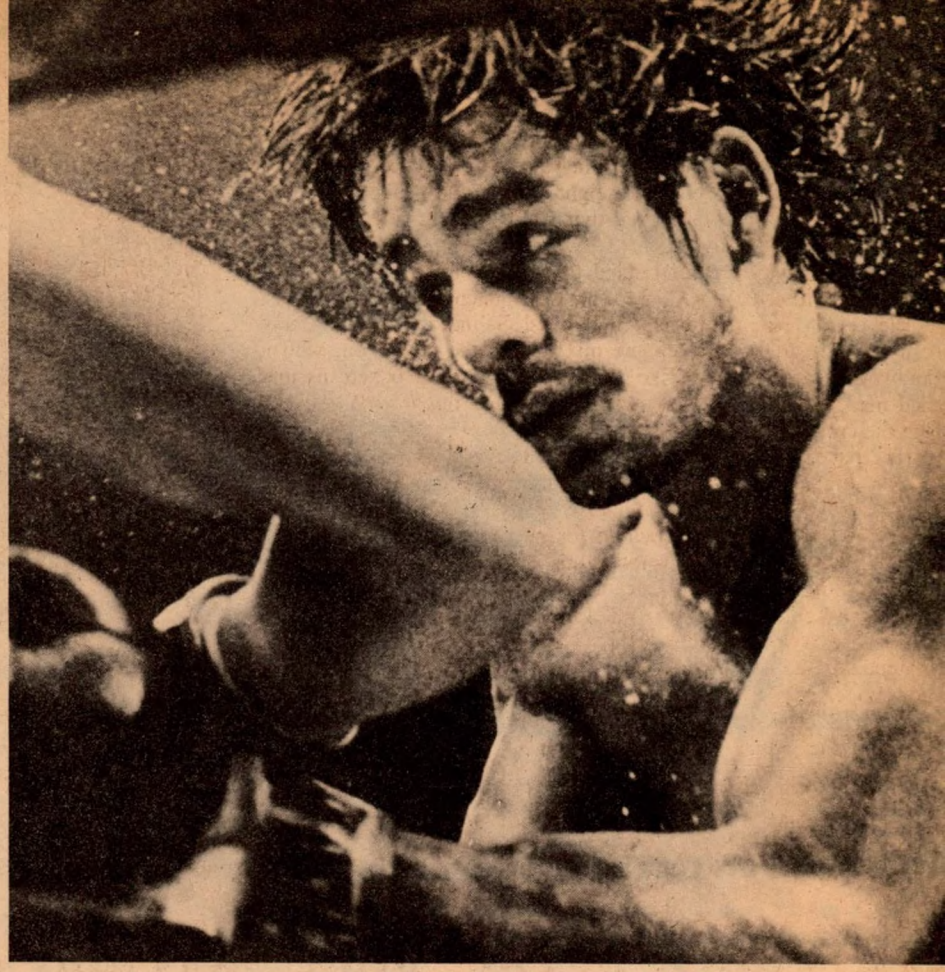


Heavyweight hopeful Earnie Shavers gave the champ, seen rising from a slip, a harder go than most experts expected. The New York title-fight again raises questions about what's to come for Ali.

DURAN RETAINS TITLE WITH NOD OVER ELUSIVE VIRUET



Beads of perspiration fly around the head of Roberto Duran (above) as he takes a right cross during WBA lightweight championship bout against Edwin Viruet at Philadelphia. (Below) Challenger Viruet falls back from a blow by champion Robert Duran, who won the decision.

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Roberto Duran retained his World Boxing Association lightweight championship with a unanimous 15-round decision over challenger Edwin Viruet at the Spectrum.

The Panamanian Panther spent a frustrating afternoon chasing the elusive Viruet in a vain attempt to extend his string of title-bout knockouts. The lanky Puerto Rican was the first of Roberto's 11 challengers to hear the final bell since Duran won the title from Scott Ken Buchanan in 1972.

Duran had also been forced to go the distance with Viruet in a 1975 non-title bout and promised a knockout this time. It was not to be and he had to settle for the vote of all three officials.

The scoring was as follows: Referee Isidro Rodriguez, of Venezuela 73-68; judge Sergio Lay, of Panama 73-65; and judge Frank Adams, of Moscow, Pa., 71-65, all for Duran. THE RING agreed with a 71-66 tally also for the champ.

Viruet avoided heavy punishment by employing a full range of skillful defensive moves. He backed up, twisted his body from side to side, and tied up Duran on the inside.

Duran, 134¼, attacked from the opening bell and seldom stopped pressing forward. He made the fight and landed the harder punches throughout.

Viruet proved a crafty and durable boxer but he never mounted the sort of offensive drive necessary to wrest the crown from the stubborn titleholder.

Although he always looked dangerous, Duran seemed to lack some of the normal zip in his punches. He shook Viruet with a solid right near the end of the 12th round but never came close to decking his 27-year-old adversary.

From time to time, Viruet would stop running long enough to fire a few punches but it was Duran who did most of the leather tossing.

A small cut appeared over Duran's left eye in the 12th but it was never a factor in the match.

Referee Rodriguez took a point away from Edwin in the 13th for rubbing his laces in Duran's face.

"The referee was on me the whole fight," complained Viruet after the fight. "He gave me more trouble than Duran."

Roberto cemented his victory with a big last round. He punched Viruet around the ring, landing punishing hooks with both hands.

It was not a vintage performace by Duran and many were disappointed in his failure to produce the big knockout punch. However, he won going away and has just about cleaned the division of eligible challengers. Only WBC lightweight king Esteban DeJesus, who was at ringside, poses a serious threat.

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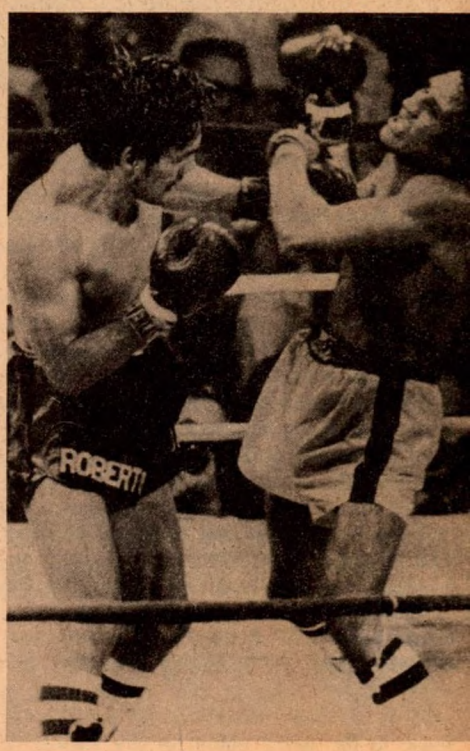


WBA LIGHT HEAVY KING, GALINDEZ, NARROWLY WINS

By JACK A. TREE

ROME — Argentina's WBA light heavyweight champion, Victor Galindez, 28 years old, made a successful defense of his crown narrowly outpointing American Alavro Lopez, 26 years old, over fifteen rounds before a crowd of eight thousand in Rome.

It was in this very same ring that Galindez beat off a challenge by Richie Kates 92 days ago.

It was a last three round stand that gave Galindez the edge on points, when he rocked Alvaro with wild punches with both hands. A cleverer Alvaro could have dethroned Galindez, but the American chose to trade punches and mix it with the champion, who is known for being able to take a wallop. Had Lopez boxed his man and made use of his speed advantage. Alvaro might well be wearing the crown.

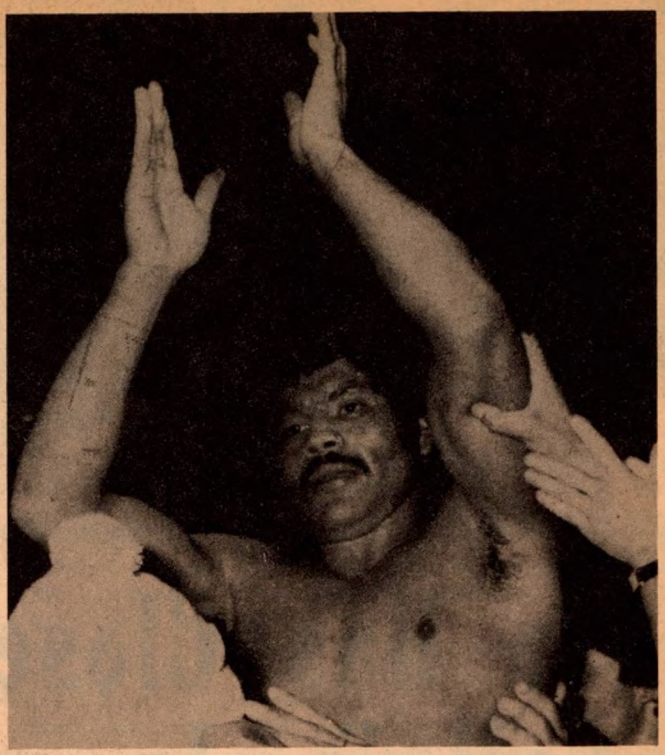
The American said he had been fouled several times.

The referee scored it 147-146 and the two judges 146—145 and 148—146, all in favor of Galindez.

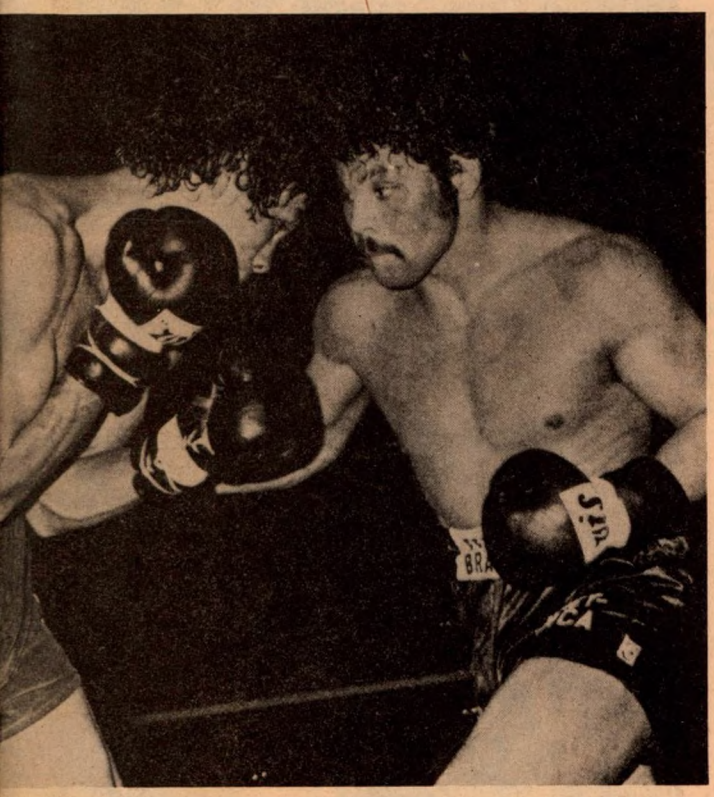
Galindez has not been beaten for nearly six years, and facing Alvaro, the Argentine was making his eighth defense of the title he won in Buenos Aires on December, 1974, when he knocked out American Len Hutchins in round 13.

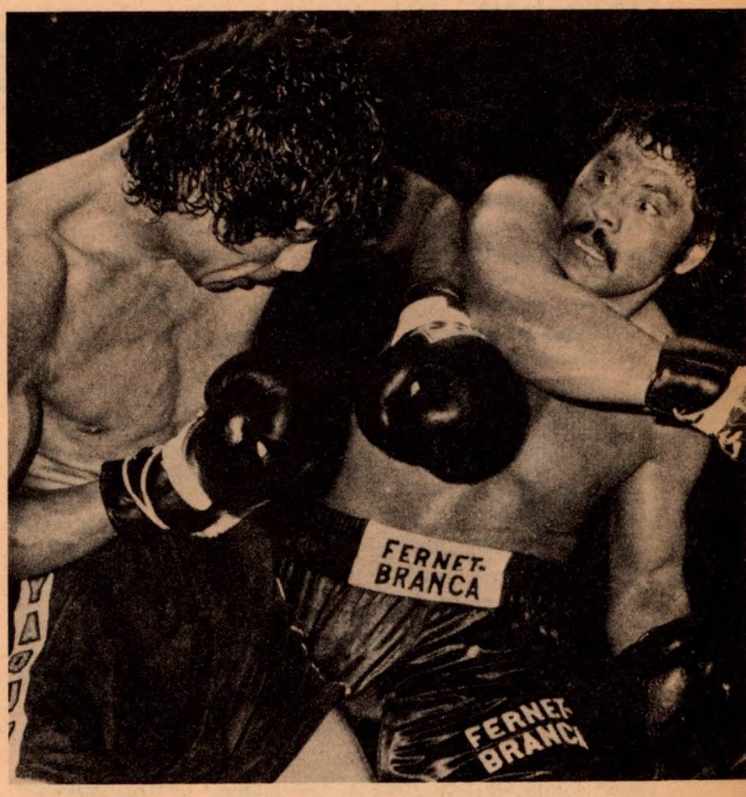
Defenses were made against: Pierre Fourie (twice), Jorge Ahumada, Harold Skog, Ritchie Kates (twice), Kosie Smith and now Lopez.

Galindez' last defeat was by Avenamar Peralta on December 18, 1971, in Argentina.

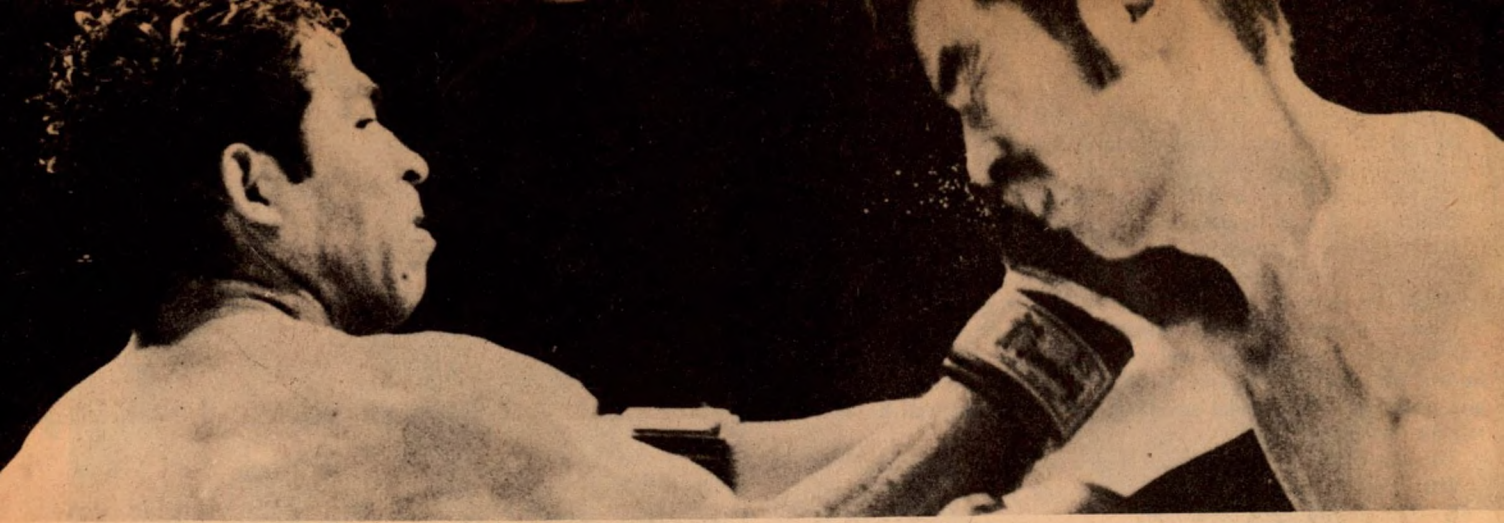


Argentina's Victor Galindez is cheered by fans after successfully defending his title against Alvaro Lopez with a nod over 15 rounds. Rome hosted the title bout.





(Above left) Lopez, from the United States, covers up to avoid a Galindez right. (Above right) the champion aggressively closes in on the challenger. Note the expression on Galindez' face.



Eddie Gazo, left, smashes a right uppercut to the face of Japanese challenger Kenji Shibata in their 15-round WBA junior middleweight title bout, Tokyo.

Gazo Has Close Call in Jr. Middle Defense

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN —Tricky Eddie Gazo of Nicaragua kept his WBA junior middleweight title, as he narrowly defeated Japanese lefty, Kenji Shibata, in a close but unanimous decision in 15 rounds at Nippon Budokan (Martial Arts Hall). There were no knockdowns throughout 45 minutes. It was Gazo's second defense since his kayo over ex-champ Koichi Wajima three months ago in Tokyo before 7,000 customers, who had made the 27-year-old Nicaraguan a slight favorite because of his experience.

As expected, national titlist Shibata, 23, was unable to utilize his superior height and reach to cover an inferiority in infighting.

Carlos Berrocal, a referee from Panama, tabbed the rather monotonous affair 71-69, while judges Enrique Portocarrero Lopez of Nicaragua and Shoichi Uchida of Japan scored it 72-71 and 73-71 respectively, all in Gazo's favor.

The winner seemed more obvious than its close scoresheets showed. Shibata, standing at 5 ft-11, made a fine start in landing one-twos occasionally enough to take the opening session.

Gazo, an Army lieutenant, had wrested the WBA crown by an upset verdict from Argentine Miguel Angel Castellini in Managua last March.

But Gazo was very underestimated in Japan, where he showed his awkwardness in technique rather than his vaunted durability, despite his eleventh round kayo of Wajima.

The second and third rounds were fought in even terms, as they were still too cautious to come forward and exchange effective blows.

As the contest progressed, Gazo solved the Japanese southpaw's inexplicable negative fighting and began to toss plenty at Kenji's face and body.

In the fourth and sixth sessions, sturdy Gazo, shorter by five inches, was the aggressor. He overcame a lack of power by landing

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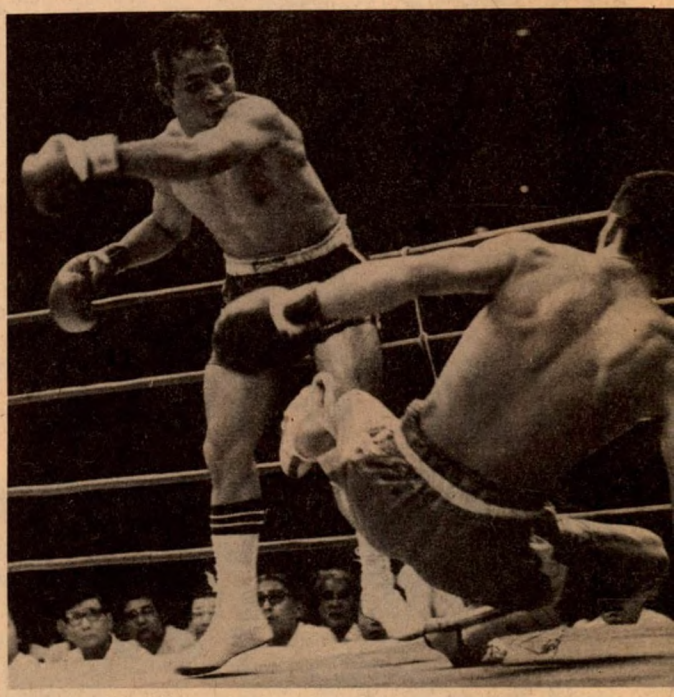

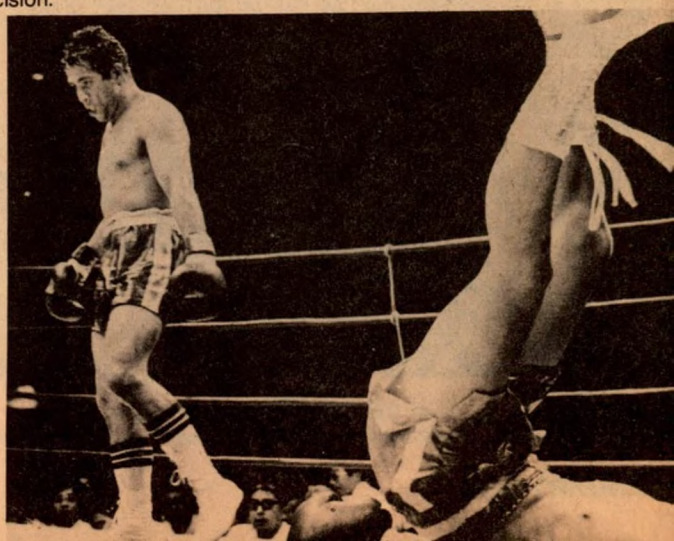

(Above) WBA junior middleweight champ Eddie Gazo of Nicaragua floors Shibata as the latter hits the deck in a half slip in the fifth round. (Below) Shibata is seen on his back at the finish of his slip in the fifth round. Gazo won the 15 round title defense by a unanimous decision.

(Right) Gratien Tonna, France, connects with a straight left to the head of Alan Minter, Britain, during their EBU middleweight contest in Milan. (Left) Referee Mario Carabellese calls the fight on cuts and awards Tonna the fight. Minter was leading at the time.

Tonna Takes Minter's EBU 160 Title

By JACK A. TREE

AS ON SEVERAL other occasions, Alan Minter of Great Britain was forced to take a bow because of cuts. He was facing Frenchman Gratien Tonna, in Milan, and his European middleweight crown was at stake. It was in this same venue on February 4 last that Minter dethroned Italian Germano Valsecchi to win the title. Tonna was declared the winner with one minute and ten seconds gone of round eight, referee Carapelese, Italy, calling a halt.

A three centimetre cut on the forehead from a hard right hook from Tonna (28) relieved Minter of his crown at a stage when Minter looked well on the way to victory.

The cut came in the sixth from a right hander. Although the blood flowed freely, Minter had no difficulty in seeing his opponent. "I should have been allowed to continue. After all, it was a championship contest," protested Minter. Those close to Tonna are reported as saying that even Tonna thought Minter was well on his way to victory.

Tonna will now probably meet Rodrigo Valdes in hopes of winning Carlos Monzon's vacated crown.

Only a crowd of 4000 was at the Milan arena. Had an Italian been facing Minter the Sportpalast would have been full.

26-year-old Minter, a southpaw, lost his British title without a fight when he chose to concentrate on world and European commitments. Now the cupboard is bare. Tonna

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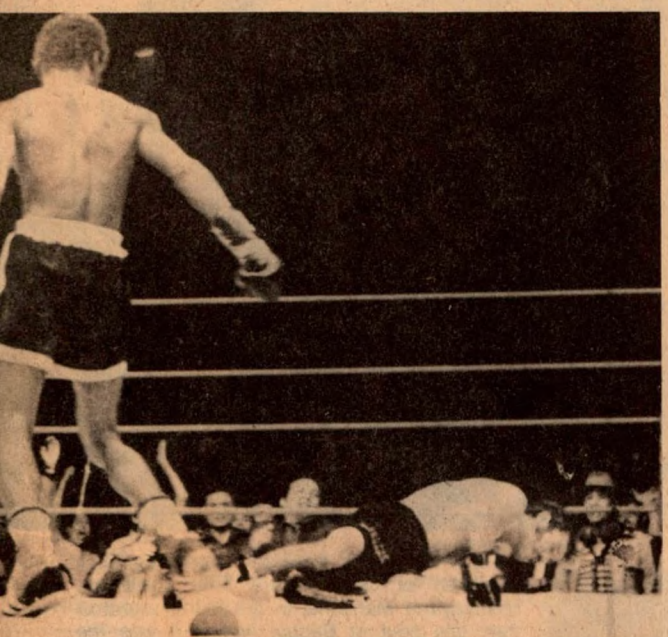
WBC'S JR. FLY KING, ESTABA, TOPS HERNANDEZ IN RUBBER MATCH



CARACAS — At 39 years of age, Venezuela's Luis "Lumumba" Estaba showed no evidence of losing his power as he pounded his way to a 15 round knockout victory over Costa Rican challenger Orlando Hernandez. The bout, which was in defense of Estaba's WBC Jr. flyweight title, marked the second time the champ had beaten Hernandez, from whom he took the nod back in April 1975 for the vacant world title.

(Right) Luis "Lumumba" Estaba throws a long left at challenger Orlando Hernandez in the course of their WBC Jr. fly title-bout in Caracas. (Above) Estaba, Venezuela, moves away from the fallen Hernendez. The Costa Rican was counted out in round 15.

Gushiken Impressive In KO Win

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

BEPPU CITY, JAPAN — Sharp lefty Yoko Gushiken of Japan, WBA junior flyweight champion, displayed a fine punching combination to put Thai challenger, Montsayarm H. Mahachai, prone for a convincing victory in four quick rounds.

It was Gushiken's third defense since the unbeaten southpaw wrested the crown from Juan Guzman of the Dominican Republic, via a seventh round kayo in his ninth pro fight just a year ago in Kofu City. Despite a contest of puzzling lefthanders, both of whom scaled in at 107 pounds, they put on good action from the start.

The 22-year-old Gushiken showed plenty of right leads to probe the ex-Orient titlist and newcomer. Mahachai, 23, kept his guard very high to avert Gushiken's jabs, and responded on few occasions with looping rights. The Japanese champ took the lead by a slight margin in the first session.

Round two saw Mahachai, a former kick boxer, still cautious to study Gushiken's faster hands. Due to his rival's tight peekaboo defense, the Nipponese began to use right and left uppercuts to the face and body. The Thai hope sometimes tossed his specialty, solid right hooks, but most were missing the target against the elusive Gushiken's footwork. This round was dominated by the defending champ.

Gushiken was more aggressive in the third round, trading smashing rallies and shaking up his man occasionally. Mahachai could neither offset Yoko's speed nor discount his volley of punches. Two minutes into this round, Gushiken scored a strong left uppercut to the Thai campaigner's midsection to stop his mobility for a while. Gushiken, 3/5 inch taller, was clearly in command.

The most popular boxer in Japan, piloted by veteran Masaki Kanehira, had disappointed Japanese fans, when he failed to kayo Panama's Jaime Rios in January and Venezuela's Rigoberto Marcano in May. He had decisioned the challengers of Central America in 15 good rounds each.

In the fourth and final round Gushiken appeared to apply all of his power against Mahachai who had beaten three Nipponese JBC top notchers like Iwamoto, Suga and Sonoda, in his native Bankok.

Yoko constantly pounded his body with punches and followed up with blinding combos to his face.

The spectacular knockout came at 2:17, when Gushiken repeatedly swarmed over the fading Thai, threw a vicious one-two to the chin, followed by a well-timed right to the jaw. Mahachai crumbled flat on the deck and was unconscious even after being counted out by third man Yusaku Yoshida of Tokyo.

Some 5,600 spectators at Beppu City Spa Pool jubilantly cheered the impressive knockout which upped Gushiken's record to eleven wins including seven KOs.Mahachai who had held the Orient title before a 12 round decision to Korea's Chung Sang-II at Seoul last June, suffered the third setback in 26 contests.

To this reporter, Gushiken sparkled in defense and showed punching rhythm in his outfighting. He seldom received any telling

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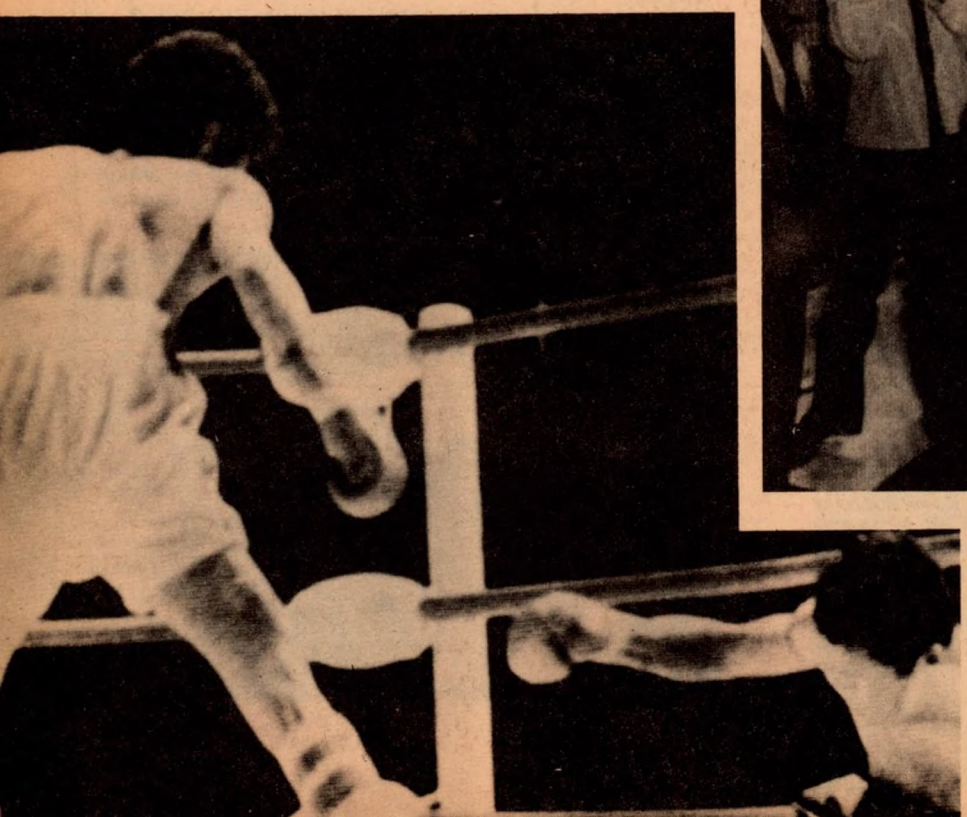

(Left) WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken of Japan floors Thia challenger Montsayarm Mahachai in the fourth round of their title bout at Beppu, Japan. It was the third defense by Gushkien. (Above) Gushiken's arm is raised in victory.

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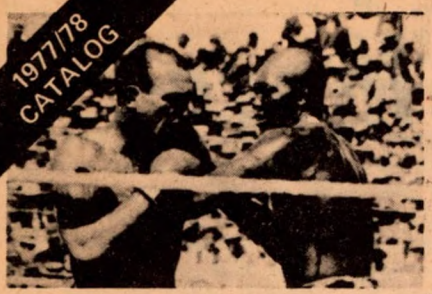

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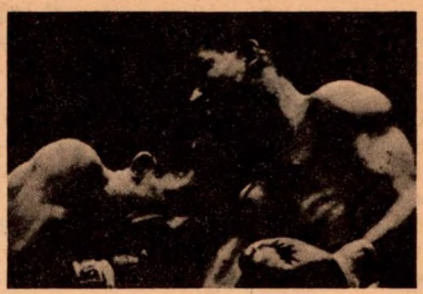

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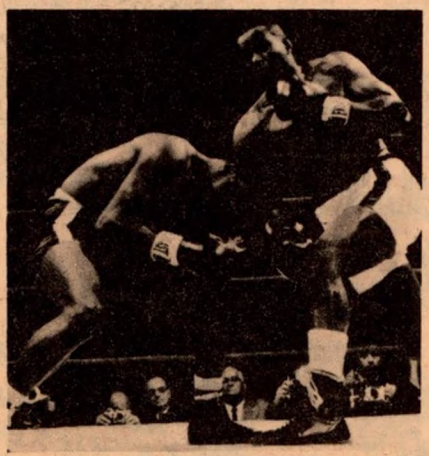

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Past Cuban Champions-- Will There Be More?

By JAMES MEROLLA

WHEN PREMIER Fidel Castro raised the banner of the hammer and the scythe over his native Cuba a quarter century ago he may well have ended a glorious tradition of champions that began when he was a mere infant. Following Communist political doctrine banning professional sport, Castro used the scythe to cut the strings of his people to the U.S. mainland, and the hammer to nail shut the coffin on Cuban participation in the many international activities which had supported a percentage of his people.

The Cuban curtain did not draw quickly enough under Fidel's initial ruling years, however, as world boxing was blessed with refugee Jos Naploes who escaped from his island to Mexico's shores. Napoles became a Mexican citizen and fought his entire career under the tri-colored emlem of his independent neighbor. Unfortunately, that career is now over with Jose having been dethroned in November of 1975. With Napoles gone the pro pricture lacks any entry from the Cuban Republic, and there is little hope that the Premier will encourage such disloyal emigration in the near future. The question exists, is Naples the last of his breed?

Jose's retirement ended the succession of four welterweight champions of Cuban descent in a 20-year period. This achievement is an outstanding one when one considers that only the United States, a nation immense in proportion, he ever done the same.

The glory of Cuba is not limited to this brief quarter century, however. Its legend extends further into this century than 25 years, in fact precisely twice as far with the emergence of Eligio Sardinias, professionally known as Kid Chocolate, 50 years ago. Chocolate was born on January 6, 1910, in Cerro, Cuba, of very humble origins and substandard means of survival. Fighting to live became almost ritualized and Eligio found the amateur program of the developing nation and outlet for his frustrations and a potential means to financial reward.

THE GLORY OF CUBA EXTENDS BACK 50 YEARS WITH "KID" CHOCOLATE.

After amassing a perfect amateur record in his home, of 100 bouts, 100 wins, 86 KO's, Sardinias decided to start earning money with his natural weaponry and God-given skill. Hitting people for cash was no different than for experience to the "Kid" as the seventeen-year-old sensation won 21 straight money fights by knockout on his native soil.

Under the guidance of manager Louis Guitieriez, the 126-pound Kid decided it was time to coat the Apple called New York with his own brand of Chocolate. Debuting in August of 1928, Chocolate fought seventeen times before the year was out, winning all but one, and that was a draw with Joe Scalfaro. He scored ten KO's.

1929 was just as productive for the Kid as he won all of his 22 fights, including ten knockouts. Among his victims were Bushy Grahan, Vic Burrone, Fidel La Barba and Al Singer, four quality battlers, the latter two being world champions. Chocolate began garnering the attention of the scribes, who started calling him the nickname "the Cuban Bon Bon." Chocolates' victories were indeed swwet.

In 1930, after continuing his unbeaten string to one hundred and sixty (with the amateurs) another Kid, Jack Kid Berg, captured a close decision over him. After two quick KO victories Chocolate again lost, this time in a rematch to the apparently wiser La Barba. This decision too was paper thin, prompting a championship match in December with Battling Battalino of Connecticut. In a classic boxer-slugger duel, the more experienced Bat had a bit too much for the Kid, still only 20, to handle. The decison was Battalino's.

After another series of wins Chocolate won the newly created junior lightweight championship in July of 1931, netting a Bass named Benny in seven rounds. Four more victories gave the public the chance to see a battle of champions as two of the world's best fighters — Chocolate and Tony Canzoneri —scheduled a November 20th meeting in New York City. In another heartbreakingly close contest, the Kid's arms stayed by his side as the decision was announced.

In a 1972 interview with the Ring magazine, Chocolate insisted "I beat Tony and won the title, but they took it away from me." Nevertheless, history reads otherwise.

Chocolate defended his local title twice, stopping Lew Feldman in twelve rounds and decisioning the pesky La Barba, both in 1932. In 1933, he defeated Seaman Watson in a third defense, but received the stunner of his career when in a rematch with Canzoneri he was halted in two swift rounds. Some thought this not fatal to the Bon Bon's career as he was still only 23, but somehow he was never the same. A month later Franklie Klick clicked on the Kid's softening jaw and stopped him in seven rounds, taking his Jr. lightweight title.

In 1934, Chocolate won nine, lost one and drew two. In 1935, he had only three fights, losing one. The Kid didn't end his career with a whimper, howerver, as for the next three years, he fought 32 times, winning 29, losing 1, and drawing 2, an impressive record. He did not receive any title offers, though, and after drawing with one Nicky Jerome in his native Havana in 1938 he retired. His legacy reads 161 total bouts with 64 KO's, 81 wins by decision, 10 losses, 2 by KO and 6 draws. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1959.

When the first of Cuba's great "kids" was finally growing old, a second emerged with more fanfare than his predecessor. He was born Gerardo Gonzalez in Camaguey, Cuba, also on Chocolate's birthday of January 6, but 16 years later. His professional ticket to glory was under the name of Kid Gavilan.

Gavilan came out of the southern island with a record of 35-2-1. In the States he defeated Rommy Bell, Tony Pellone, Ike Williams and Ray Robinson. His talent was considerable and his crowd appeal magnificient, so Ray Robinson decided to give the popular Cuban, now nicknamed "the Hawk" because of the flailing and fluttering of his arms during his attacks, a rematch with the crown at stake. With shades of Chocolate around him, you guessed it, the new Kid on the block lost a hairline 15-round decision to the great Sugarman. Undaunted, the Kid continued to win much more than lose and was a prime contender when Robinson turned middleweight in 1951, relinquishing his title.

Gavilan defeated Johnny Bratton in May of 1951, breaking Bratton's jaw while winning a decision. Later that year, he defeated Billy Graham and gained international recognition. Gavilan successfully defended his crown six times and he became a T.V. sensation. He defeated Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Billy Graham, Chuck Davey, Ralph Jones, Carmen Basilio, Johnny Bartton and Walter Cartier before the public's approving eyes.

The Kid became ambitious in 1954 when he tried to wrest the middleweight crown from Carl Olsen, losing a tight one there, too. Soon after, he lost his lucrative welterweight crown to Johnny Saxton and proceeded to lose with alarming regularity on the comeback trail. He lost five of the nine bouts he had in 1956, four of six in 1957. After Yahma Bahama performed a now easy lsesson on the aging Kid in June of 1958, he announced his retirement. The great Gavilan was recently named an all-time welterweight great by the editors of this magazine.

Fighting at the same time as Gavilan, but with less prominence, was a fine lightweight named Orlando Zulueta. Born on July 12, 1928, Orlando fought as early as his 11th birthday, and eventually caught the eye of the retired Kid Chocolate. Zulueta turned pro in 1946, and compiled a 17-6-6 record inside of his native land. He, like Gavilan, arrived in New York and won nine in a row.

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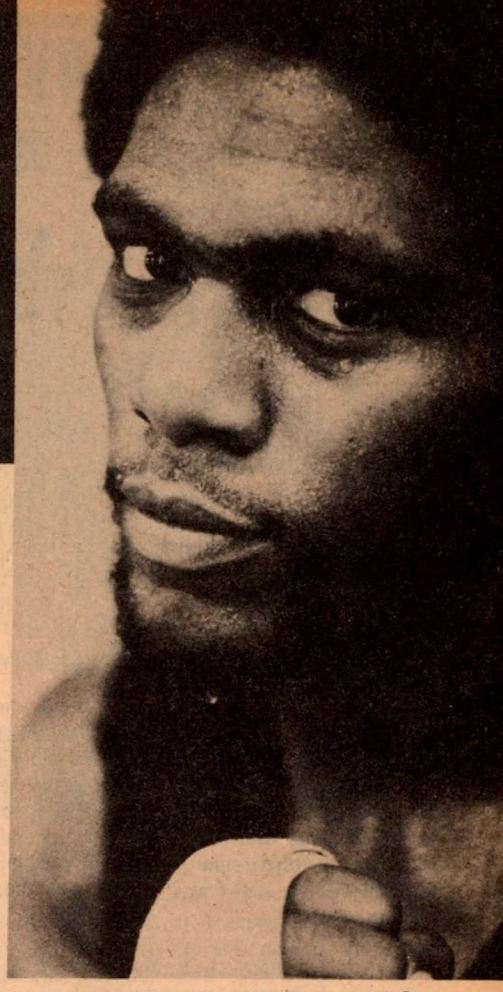
THE LOCAL HEROES

EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE BIG NAMES, THE FLASHY STARS, BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE COUNTLESS MEN WHO NEVER GET KNOWN BEYOND THE SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY FIGHT AND ARE IDOLIZED BY THE NATIVE POPULATION? HERE'S A SALUTE TO THAT LOCAL GLADIATOR WHO GETS SO LITTLE RECOGNITION.

Jr. Welter Crown Is Main Target For Curry Fuji



Determination is evident in the eyes of Curry Fuji (above) and in his hard gym work (below) as he talks with manager—trainer Jesse Reid. (Photos by Tom Jagoe).

By GLENN SHOBLOCK

BAD NEWS travels fast, they say. If so, then the name Bruce Curry Fugi should spread like wildfire among the junior welterweights because there is trouble for someone every time he steps into the ring.

To date Curry has won 11 bouts, five of them by knockout. Manager and trainer Jesse Reid predicts Curry will win the junior welterweight title this year.

Born in Marlin, Texas, in 1956, Curry first became acquainted with boxing by viewing the weekly fights on television. After watching the pros. Curry and a brother would put cereal boxes on their fists and punch it out in the backyard. But his inspiration for entering competitive boxing came from his neighborhood friends who considered Curry the "toughest guy on the street."

One day a red station wagon loaded with kids pulled up near Curry's home. A friend told Curry that the man driving was Wesley Parker, who was in charge of the Pee Wee boxing tournaments in Grand Prarie- near Fort Worth-Dallas. Curry ran up to the car and asked if he could join in, and Curry's lengthy amateur career was underway.

At the tender age of 14 with a bodyweight of 85 pounds, Curry entered the tournaments where he competed for two years and eventually won the Junior Olympics. Then in 1973, Curry moved into the Open Golden Gloves competition and lost his first contest to Mike Ayala (now the number one rated featherweight in the United States pro ranks). Undiscouraged, Curry kept on fighting and won the Texas flyweight Golden Gloves title.

It was at this point that Curry decided he wanted to turn professional. He heard stories about his friend, Monroe Brooks, and the success he was having in California rings. Curry wrote Brooks and asked him if he could come out West and turn pro. But Brooks said the professional ranks were hard and Curry was too young and needed more experience as an amateur. So Curry took his friend's wise advice and continued to sweep up amateur titles.

In 1974, Curry beat Tim Dement, who was the 1972 flyweight representative for the United States at the Olympics in Munich. Then Curry captured the Texas featherweight Golden Gloves title.

In 1975, Curry moved up to the light-welterweight class and captured that Texas Golden Gloves title by defeating Frank Lawson, who held two wins over the '72 Olympic gold medal winner, "Sugar" Ray Seales. Curry then went on to win the Western Olympic Boxing title, which qualified him for a showdown match with Sugar Ray Leonard, with the eventual winner represent-

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LOCAL HEROES

Dale Blazing Path Among Middleweights

By SKIP KORB

LOCAL HEROES

CINCINNATI — Middleweight Roy Dale has been knocking on recognition's door without an answer for some time. Either no one's home or it's locked for the 29-year-old welder who believes he's paid a figher's dues.

His last match was a unanimous decision over middleweight Monty Betham, the reigning British Commonwealth middleweight champion. At the time the WBA and WBC had Betham among the top five contenders for the title.

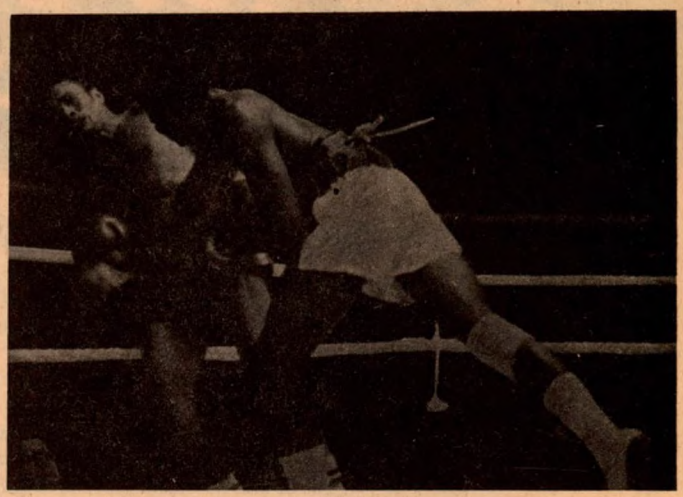
If that were his only victory, Dale's argument wouldn't be valid, nor his history be as interesting. Betham became Dale's 21st victim among his recorded bouts against six losses and a draw.

Win No. 19 came two months earlier on January 21, 1977, when he KO'd a very tough Glenn Morgan in the tenth round in Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum.

The people, places and times are all important to Dale's case because what is currently a smooth path was once a rocky international trail.

There are two ways to win in this gin rummy world of boxing: With the hands or with the pencil. Dale got penciled out of several wins in Canada, Italy twice, Denmark and Peru.

In Canada, "I beat Dave Dewig eight out of ten and lost by a point. In Italy in 1971, I lost a decision by one point to Carlos Duran. I cambe back to fight him a second time, had him in the corner in the third round beating all over him and the referee disqualified me. He said I was butting him," Dale recalled.



Roy Dale blasts to Monty Betham's jaw, knocking his foe into ropes in fifth round prior to knocking Betham down for a nine count. Dale gained a unanimous 10-round decision. (Photo by Patrick Adachi)

A ringside observer in Schio, Italy reported that Duran was out on the ropes and the only way to keep from counting him out was to disqualify Dale. Dale, an American and a black, couldn't be mistaken for an Italian by birth, so it was the easy decision.

Dale said further, "In Denmark I THOUGHT I'd beaten Tom Bogs but they gave him a close decision. I was only 23 and he was ranked number two at the time."

Dale continued his list. "Marcelo Quiones in Lima, Peru. That should've been my fight." Decision to Quiones. "In Brazil, Manuel Deolizera." A loss by a couple of points. And there were others.

His explanation was, "They didn't know me from the birds. There I was fighting the hometown champs."

Maybe Dale should've known he was just supposed to be an opponent. His managers didn't think he was, but they wanted to keep him fighting. There was no place in his home city of Cincinnati to box.

An Indiana promoter brought British West Indies champ Tony Gay in for a show and imported Dale across the state line to be an opponent. Dale had to knock Gay out to get the win, which he did.

"It was a helluva a thing. Like I was supposed to be the loser. It got me into a losing frame of mind," the 1968 Golden Gloves National Champion moaned. "I fought Carlos Monzon in 1973. It was a tune-up fight in Rome before he was supposed to meet Emile Griffith.

"I didn't have much time to train, but was

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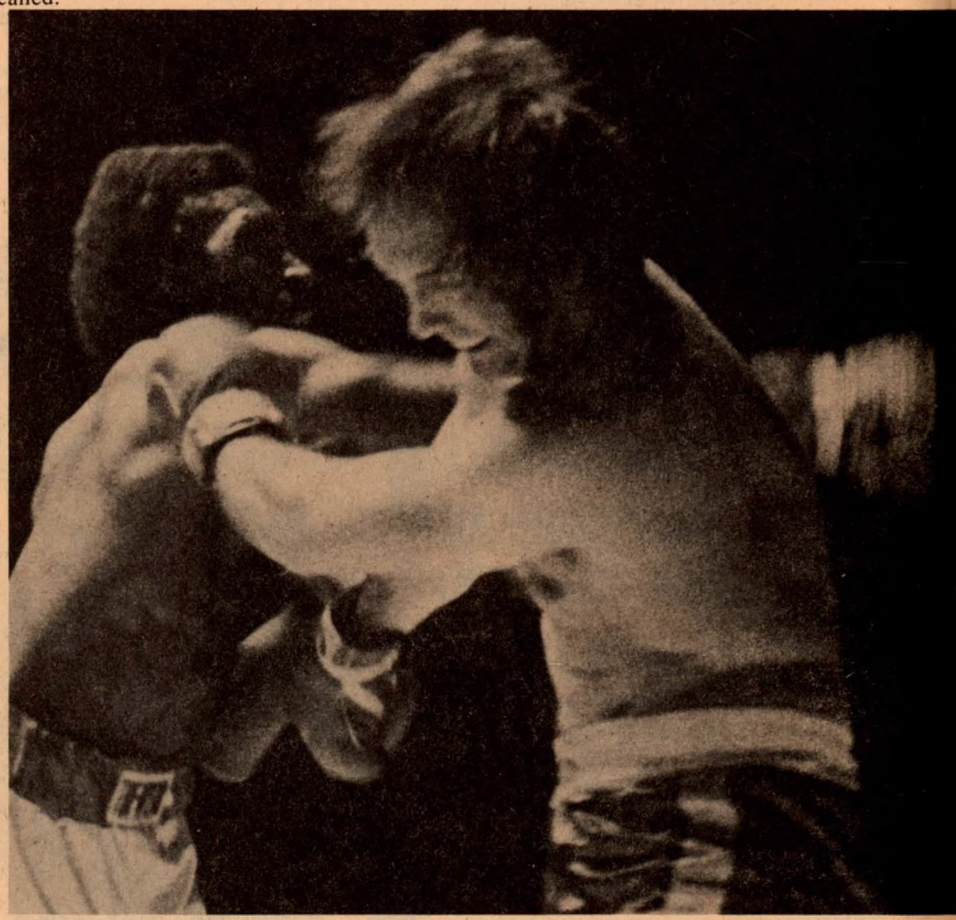
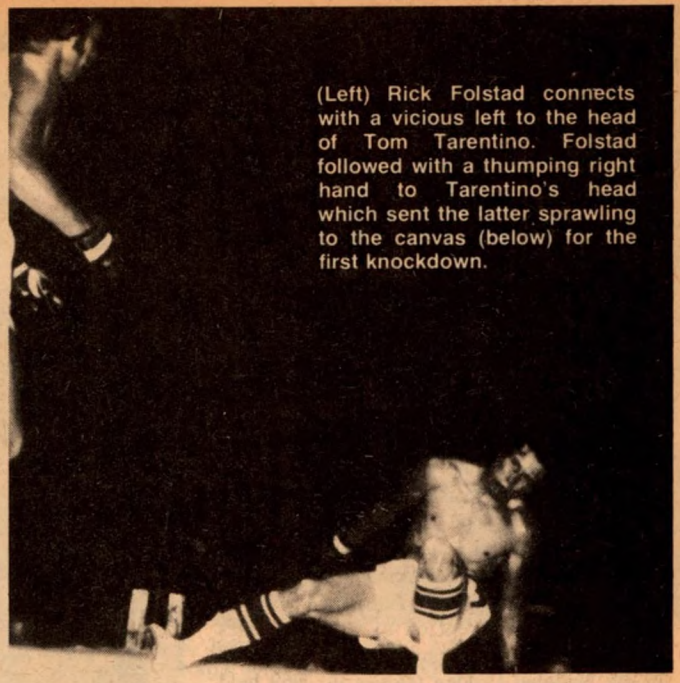


Roy Dale, left, Cincinnati middleweight, throws right which proves to be the finisher to Burt Hess of Parkersburg, W. Va., in the third round at Riverfront Stadium. (PHOTO BY Pat Hunt)



(Left) Rick Folstad connects with a vicious left to the head of Tom Tarentino. Folstad followed with a thumping right hand to Tarentino's head which sent the latter sprawling to the canvas (below) for the first knockdown.

Mr. Action--Jr. Welter Rick Folstad

LOCAL HEROES

By DARYL VERNIER

EVERY once in awhile, one of the boxing publications will do an article on Minnesota and its fighters.

In most of these articles you will come across names like Duane Bobick, Scott LeDoux, Rafael Rodriguez, Al "The Spoiler" Franklin, Glen and Mike Morgan, George Anderson and a host of others. Minnesota has some excellent fighters in just about every weight class.

One name that is seldom if ever mentioned is that of junior welterweight Rick Folstad. Folstad is a whale of a fighter who was, not too long ago, a Ring Magazine prospect of the month.

As an amateur Rick was very successful with close to 60 fights to his credit. He lost a few as an amateur and these were by decision to very stiff national competition.

Rick was a three time upper midwest champion, once at flyweight and twice at lightweight levels. He represented the state three times at the nationals. Although he was not fortunate enough to bring home national honors, Rick "done himself proud" all three times. One of Rick's losses was to Roy Holloway who is now a professional lightweight out of California.

Another of Rick's losses was to highly regarded amateur Aaron Pryor who has also turned to the professional ranks.

Since turning professional Mr. Folstad has never been beaten and he plans to keep it that way.

Shortly after turning pro and winning enough fights to get himself rated as a Ring Magazine prospect of the month, the bad luck started, not in the ring but everywhere else.

In a short span of time, one right after another, Rick sustained four major injuries. These injuries would have spelled an end to some fellows' ring future. Not Rolstad. They just slowed him down a bit.

Minnesota junior welterweight Rick Folstad.

In a machinery accident Rick lost a finger and damaged another. While training in Florida he received a broken ankle, and twice he has had a compound fracture of the same arm.

Upon recovery from each injury Rick was right back in the gym training for the next fight and continued to keep up his winning ways. Now is that fortitude or is that fortitude?

Rick Folstad has surmounted all of his misfortunes without looking back and has continued to post win after win.

His ring record now stands at 14 wins, no losses, with 6 knockouts. The 6 knockouts belie the man's punching power and gives credit to the fact that Rick has been in with some solid competition.

Rick Folstad is a stand-up type fighter, a boxer-puncher with a wallop in either hand. When he has to box, he boxes, and when he has to punch, he punches. If an opponent gives Rick an opening and he is liable to find himself staring at the ceiling.

A natural junior welterweight, his weight never varies more then a pound or so even when he isn't in training, which isn't often. When Rick comes to fight, you better believe he is in shape to go the distance if the need arises.

In his last four outings Mr. Folstad has posted four wins in grand style. He chalked up a seventh round TKO over John North, a

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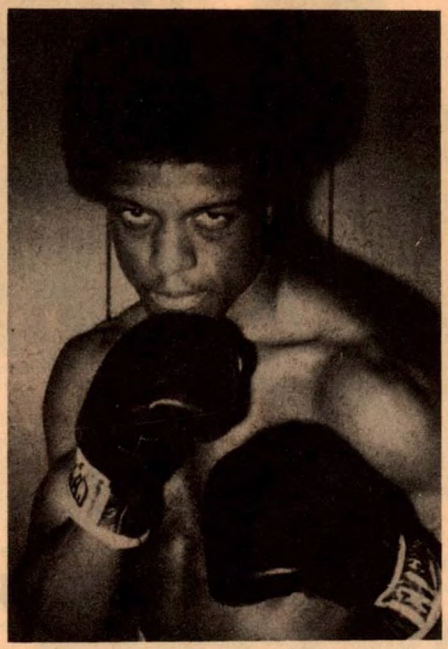
DANIELS HOPES TO CLOUT WAY TO CROWN AND BUSINESS FUTURE

By THORNTON DEKALB



ANTHONY TONY DANIELS was born June 9, 1950, in Kingsport, Tennessee. You might say he has been in boxing almost all of his life. As a very young lad he liked listening to boxing on the radio, seeing it in person and watching it on TV.

Starting at the age of 11, he took to boxing like a duck takes to water. He won the Upper East Tennessee Golden Gloves and Southern Golden Gloves Title at 17 years of age in 1968. He went on to win both titles for five consecutive years. He was runner-up in the National Golden Gloves in 1969 held in Kansas City, Missouri. In that same tournament he was awarded The Rocky Marciano Sportsmanship Award. In 1971, he represented the state of New York to earn a spot on The United States International Boxing team by winning the East Coast Championship.

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His amateur record was 64 wins out of 74 fights. He lost six fights and had four called a draw. His amateur record is well known to Colonel Ace Miller, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who also coached the Olympian John Tate. In 1970 the Associate of Arts degree in General Business was obtained by Anthony at Morristown Jr. College, in Tennessee. He continued his education, and received his B.S. degree in 1972, at Knoxville College, Tennessee. At both of these colleges he started boxing clubs and coached the teams.

Tony is never too busy to help another boxer, especially young boys, whom he loves to coach and advise. He worked in construction work for some time. Now Anthony is working hard to buy a Grill and Grocery Store. The store is located in Kingsport, Tennessee, and is called "Ole Douglas" and is a popular place for boxing buffs to gather.

Anthony Daniels is married to the former Jackie Wood of Kingsport, Tennessee.

Daniels' professional career started in Bristol, Tennessee, by winning a four round decision over Walter Riley of New York City, Law Attorney, Frank L. Slaughter of Bristol, Tennessee, promoted the boxing card.

After his pro debut, he knocked out Willie Stephenson in two rounds and his third bout defeated, Anthony House in six rounds in Bristol, Tennessee. In a rematch with Walter Riley, he scored a five-round KO, in Kings-

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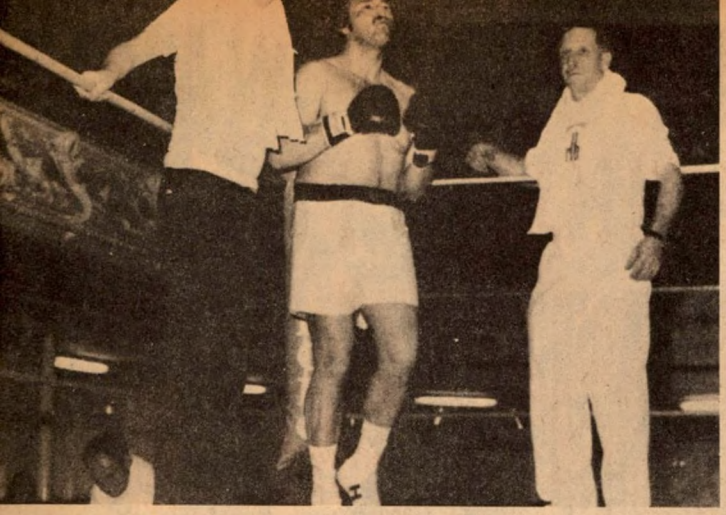
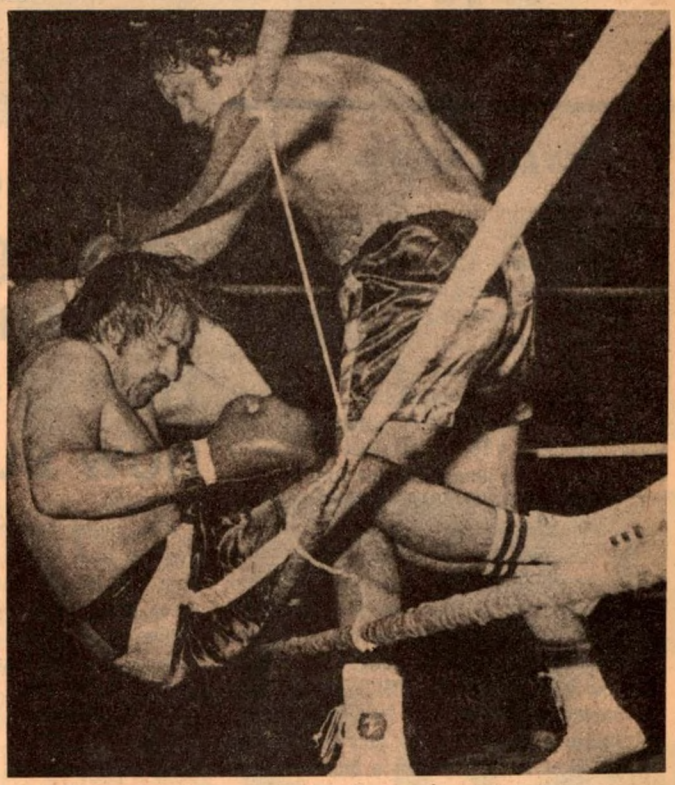
(Above) Anthony Tony Daniels in fighting pose. The ambitious fighter with a 13-0 record, is also a business man and hopes to buy "Ole Douglas," (right and below) a grill and grocery store, in Kingsport, Tenn., his hometown. Ole Douglas is a stopping place for fight buffs.



George Jerome is flanked by manager Jimmy Johnston and cornerman Alfie Coster before his fight with Young Sekona at Aukland.

(Above) After losing to Jean Pierre Coopman, European champion, at Izegem, Belgium, George Jerome, extreme right, joins his manager, Jimmy Johnston and Coopman, center, in after bout banquet.

(Below) That's George Jerome going out of the ring in his bout against Toronto's Hoss Geisler. Jerome recovered and went on to defeat Geisler on a sixth round knockout for the East-West Canadian title.



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George Jerome On Warpath For Canadian Heavy Crown

THERE WERE two events in 1972 that all but kayoed professional boxing in Western Canada. Stewart Gray died after being knocked out by Al Sparks at Winnipeg which resulted in an investigation and suspension of boxing in that city for five years. The Ali-Chuvalo bout in May of 1972 was an exciting match but resulted in a loss of $250,000 for promoter Murray Prezim of Vancouver which discouraged future promotions in that city.

There have only been two small shows since that time in the Vancouver area both resulting in losses. There are a number of pro boxers who fight out of Vancouver and participate in cards in such cities as Seattle, Spokane, Portland and, with the new revival, Calgary and Winnipeg. One of the Vancouver based boxers who has created a lot of interest in Canadian fistic circles is Indian George Jerome, a heavyweight.

George was born 33 years ago in St. Boniface, Manitoba as Georges Robert Joyal. He is the father of two boys, Jerome and Gavin, and a daughter, Gina. He started his career as George Joyal but later changed his ring name to Jerome.

Jerome had two uncles who were well known Canadian boxers, Charley Belanger and Del Fontaine. Belanger once fought light-heavyweight champ Maxie Rosenbloom, losing a 10-round decision on May 5, 1933.

Jerome fought infrequently after turning pro mainly due to a lack of competition in the west. He defeated such boxers as Marcel Mulloin and Sonny Harris and split a couple of dukes with Chuck Miller of Detroit at Winnipeg.

In 1973, Jerome moved to Vancouver figuring he might get more action at the coast city, joining the stable of Vancouver man-

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"Tap City" Harris throws a right at opponent Johnny Heard in what has become a rare occasion for him—cameras focusing on him in a ring.

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Inmate 'Tap City' Harris Fights On

By EDWARD KIERSH

No longer a ranking contender, Harris's life is now survival.

"WE want City, we want City," chants the screaming crowd at the Marion Correctional Institution. Clenched fists punctuate the roar, and the inmates stand in salute to the "hometown" entry in Don King's recent "alma mater" program. Noticeably touched by this outbreak of hysteria, number 136132 flashes a likeable boyish smile and jumps into the ring.

"Tap City," or middleweight Arthur Harris, has been a stranger to such high-pitched drama for over four years. Serving a 10 to life sentence for second degree murder, the 25 year old Akron, Ohio native faces only a six by ten cell instead of cheering crowds or challenging opponents. No longer does he attract the spotlight of the WBC's fourth ranking contender position, or have the promising future natural to a 25 and zero record holder. Now his life is just a matter of survival, and his greatest struggle the uncertainty of winning a parole hearing before 1982.

The circumstances surrounding "City's" crime make the case all the more poignant. Tap's nightmare began when he learned that his mother had been molested and robbed. Letting impulsive revenge get the better of his crime-free past, he sought out the offender and fatally shot him. Tap has been paying for his moment of unrestrained anger ever since.

The young man who served as an exterminator in a Model Cities program is more than contrite. He understands that a debt had to be paid to society, but feels his maturing behind bars entitled him to a "break." Or, as he puts it, the chance to impress the Ohio Parole Board with "my becoming a man, and the strength I've gained through the struggle."

Incarceration and its mental torture have been especially hard for "Tap." Each time a jail door clangs a little more of his championship dream fades. "Tap" has fought twice with outside professionals while at Marion (he was victorious in both), but keeping mentally and physically sharp demands a more normal environment. He's aware of his slowing down while in prison, and that his skills can only be tested by sparring partners on the "street." So it's understandable he's had many moments of coming close to throwing in the towel.

"When that door is locked at night, and nothing is going to happen until morning, it's emotionally very depressing," says "Tap," while preparing for his King-sponsored fight. "You go through those periods when you have a career in mind. There are times you think something is going to happen and it doesn't. You feel what's the use, man I'm getting older, and you feel like you're thru. It's then that I've needed moral support from the inmates."

Trainer and fellow inmate Joe Zoldak is also a key to Tap's positive thinking. A protege of welterweight champ Jimmy Doyle, Zoldak charts rigorous training sessions to soften prison life pressures. "Tap's always worrying whether he will get a break," says Zoldak, intently rubbing down Tap before the Marion fight. "He never had a traffic ticket before, and this is his mother, my God. Right now he knows this fight is his big chance. Joe Louis is here, and Don King is watching."

Promoter King was in attendance for more than his American Boxing Championship bouts. Being from the same prison, he's taken a keen interest in Tap's struggle for a parole hearing. King is currently exerting efforts in this matter, and sizing up Tap's future potential as a professional.

With so much riding on his performance, Tap's nervousness was almost to be expected. He looked hesitant against Chicago

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McNeece Clan Follow Fistic Road Started By Their Dad

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By JOE LEE

THIS was Madison Square Garden, once the "Mecca of boxing" when talent was plentiful and the weekly Friday Night fights at the "old" Garden were viewed on television from coast to coast on Gilette's Cavalcade of Sports even before Muhhammad Ali, would you believe?

It was June 22 and the start of the Garden's "Summer Festival of Boxing" with four 10 round bouts and an opening four rounder completing the program.

An enthusiastic last-minute buying crowd gave the lobby an aura of a "big house," but the large arena swallowed up the customers as quickly as they entered, and the final count was just over 7,000 fans.

The dressing room area was a beehive of activity with representatives of the Boxing Commission running to and fro with their shiny badges of authority gleaming in the reflections from the overhead lights. Managers, trainers, cornermen and well wishers added to the activity which seemed to accelerate the excitement even before the fighters were summoned to the ring.

For some reason, fighters carry dead-pan expressions as they await their turn to do battle. It seems as though they're there paying their dues after a hard training preparation for this particular moment. There was very little laughter or relaxation.

There were more Spanish speaking fighters than there were Americans on the card, but the expressions were the same. You don't need an interpreter in a pre-fight dressing room visit. In any language, the faces spelled it out. Hypertension, stress, or butterflies, as they call it in show business.

We visited the room shared by Tommy McNeece of Oakdale, L.I., and Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma City. McNeece, a light heavyweight, was making his first Garden appearance as a pro in the opening four rounder. O'Grady, a bantam and featherweight, who had just graduated from Oklohoma City Northeast High School a few weeks previously, came widely heralded for his 10-round bout with Davey Vasquez, having knocked out 43 of the 47 opponents, with 20 going out in the first round. McNeece starched Mike Pittman in 45 seconds of the first round in his pro debut in North Bergen, N.J., a few weeks before.

Whether by coincidence or what have you, the fathers of the two boys had both fought professionally. We covered the boxing beat when Billy McNeece, a hard hitting middleweight, was active, but it was our first meeting with Pat the elder O'Grady.

While the strains of stress were evident in the youngsters, there was a more relaxed atmosphere in this room. Sean's dad was talking about the featherweight championship bid being about two fights away, after his son beat Vasquez, while the elder McNeece felt confident his son Tommy could handle his opponent, Al Ware, in the opening four,

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(Above) Billy McNeece, the "Irish Wildcat," right, lands with a right to the jaw of Tony Johnson in their fight back in 1955 at the Eastern Parkway Arena.

(Right) Billy McNeece is ready to land a left hook to the jaw of Garth Panther in their 1954 bout won by Billy. (Below right) Billy McNeece's son Tommy, a light heavyweight, is seen throwing a left hook to body of opponent in like-father, like-son style.

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WORLD RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
2—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Wallen, Ohio
7—ALFIO RIGHETTI ..... Italy
8—KALLIE KNOETZEE ..... South Africa
9—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
10—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

Title Vacant

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ ..... Argentina*
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—MIGUEL CUELLO ..... Argentina**
4—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnesville, N.J.
5—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
7—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
8—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
9—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia
10—BUNNY JOHNSON ..... England

KEN NORTON FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT Ken Norton, San Diego, won this month's award with his victory over another top ranked boxer named Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, at Las Vegas, Nev. The winner now is to get a shot at Ali's title according to the W.B.C. Runner-up was Colombia's Rodrigo Valdes, who beat Philadelphia's Benny Briscoe to win the W.B.A. and W.B.C. vacant middleweight title. Others in the running for this month's honors: Luis Estaba, Venezuela; Franco Zurlo, Italy; Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua; Laurie Austin, Australia; Yoko Gushiken, Japan; Ayug Kalula, Uganda; Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.; and Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.

Mike Rossman moves from six to four in the light heavys with a win over Gary Summerhays. Kates and Cassidy drop one place apiece, inactive. Vonzell Johnson exchanges spots with Alvaro Lopez with Johnson's win over Ron Wilson. British Champ Bunny Johnson moves into the tenth spot, he has scored three wins this year. Burnett falls out, inactive.

Number one middleweight Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore., kayoed Joe Gonzalez to remain in that spot. Valdes' victory over Briscoe makes him world champion. Briscoe drops to four. Hagler's wins over Ray Phillips and Jim Henry move him up to two from five. Edgar Wallace's win over Gacic, moves him from ten to eight. Kevin Finnegan rounds out the ten.

Maurice Hopes's win over Tony Lopes, from New England, remains on top. Uganda's Ayub Kalula moves into the second slot in the junior middleweight division with wins over Rudy Robles and third ranked Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md. Alvin drops to fourth. Orlando's Edgar Ross's kayo over Joey Vincent moves him from ten to nine, as Dagge falls to ten, inactive.

In the junior welters, Dominican's Montilla and Marrero both scored wins: Montilla over Ricardo Arredondo and Marrero over Jose Batista. Montilla goes from four to three, Marrero, from eight to seven. Laurie Austin scored another victory over Hector Thompson, and moves from six to five, while Thompson drops to eight. Brooks falls from three to four, due to Montilla's victory.

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Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia***
1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
3—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—EDGAR WALLACE ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
9—ALAN MINTER ..... England
10—KEVIN FINNEGAN ..... England

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO ..... Nicaragua*
1—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
2—AYUB KALULA ..... Uganda
3—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
4—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
5—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
6—ROCKY MATTILOI ..... Australia**
7—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
8—BILLY BACKUS ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
9—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
10—ECKHARD DAGGE ..... Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO ..... Mexico**
1—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
2—JOSE CUEVAS ..... Mexico*
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
5—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—JOSE PALACIOS ..... Mexico
9—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
10—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN ..... Thailand**
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES ..... Colombia*
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—LAURIE AUSTIN ..... Australia
6—DAVID GREEN ..... England
7—NANI MARRERO ..... Dominican Rep.
8—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
9—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
10—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama*
1—ESTEBAN DEJESUS ..... Puerto Rico**
2—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
3—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
4—ANDREW GANIGAN ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
5—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
6—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain
9—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
10—ENRIQUE SOLIS ..... Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico*
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA ..... Puerto Rico**
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, N.Y.
6—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
8—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
9—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
10—ROY HERNANDEZ ..... San Antonio, Texas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.**
2—REUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
4—DAVID POISON KOTEY ..... Ghana
5—YUM-DONG KYUN ..... South Korea
6—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain
7—RAFAEL ORTEGA ..... Panama*
8—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
9—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—RODOLFO MARTINEZ ..... Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico*
1—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico**
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
6—ROBERTO RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
7—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—CASTRO MARIO LOPEZ ..... Mexico
10—RAUL TIRADE ..... Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO ..... Merida, Mexico**
1—GUTTY ESPADAS ..... Merida, Mexico*
2—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
3—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
4—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
6—JUAN GUZMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
7—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
8—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
9—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
10—PATRICK MAMBRWE ..... Zambia

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Claman Parker Southern Pines, N.C.	12/74	13	11	2	0	7
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Lou Benson Baltimore, Md.	5/75	7	6	1	0	3
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Doug Lumley South Africa	10/75	11	11	0	0	6
WELTERWEIGHT						
Miguel Hernandez New York, N.Y.	8/76	8	8	0	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Wade Hinnant Philadelphia, Pa.	6/75	6	6	0	0	4
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Hikaru Tomonari Japan	1/77	7	6	0	1	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Nick Perez Tucson, Ariz.	7/77	6	6	0	0	5
FLYWEIGHT						
Shigeo Nakajima Japan	1/77	6	6	0	0	4

THOMPSON LOSES AUSSIE TITLE TO AUSTIN

By RAY MITCHELL

Hector Thompson blew his Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter titles to Lawrence "Baby Cassius" Austin at the Perth Entertainment Centre and the Thompson camp blew a gasket when the decision of referee and sole judge Jack Rennie was awarded to the local.

Thompson's manager, Bill Salsbury, sent off a long cable to Ray Clarke, secretary of the Commonwealth Boxing Championships Committee, asking for the verdict to be set aside and for a return bout to be ordered.

Of course, there is no way the verdict can be set aside as there was no error in addition of the ref's scorecard, but a fourth title meeting between Thompson and Austin seems probable.

With Thompson once again champion, and big plans being in operation by Salsbury for Thompson to fight Muangsurin for the W.B.C. title, it was strange that Salsbury agreed to a third meeting with Austin, but he did so.

Referee Jack Rennie called it for Austin 73-71. Newspaper reports state that the crowd disputed the verdict, but that does not make the referee wrong. Only a fourth meeting can resolve who is the better fighter, and Salsbury wants to promote a fourth meeting.

On the same bill Paul Ferreri met Brian Roberts over 15 in a bout billed for the vacant Commonwealth junior-featherweight title (limit 122). Ferreri halted Roberts in the last round, but the Commonwealth Boxing Championships Committee did not give its sanction as a title fight. This division has never existed within the Commonwealth. However, it is possible that the CBCC may grant recognition in retrospect. We await the next Commonwealth meeting.

▲Thirroul R.S.L. Club — Australia's most exciting fighter (as stated in these columns many times over the years) is Billy Mulholland. Billy won the vacant Australian lightweight title by outpointing Joe Gibilisco in a very good 15-rounder that had the crowd excited all the way. At the end a large shower of coins and notes came into the ring from satisfied fans.

As referee I carded 146-142. Judge Charkey Ramon carded exactly the same, while judge Don Marks saw it 149-140 — all in favour of Mulholland. Mulholland's seat is not easy on the throne. Australian and Commonwealth junior-lightweight champion Billy Moeller is interested in the lightweight crown. So are Barry Michael and Jeff Malcolm. Each deserves a shot.

In a 10-round support to Mulholland-Gibilisco, Binky Rominski won the vavant N.S.W. State junior-welter title by narrowly outpointing Steve Ayerst. It was Rominski's 51st fight and the excitement in his camp when he won the State title was something to behold. Referee Charkey Ramon scored for Rominski 77-75. As Judge I saw it 77-76 for Rominski, but judge Don Marks carded for Ayerst 79-76. Split.

▲At Marrickville R.S.L. Club — Al Korovou, 158, outpointed Jimmy Gillon, 157, over 12 rounds for the Australian middleweight title made vacant by the retirement of Semi Bula. It was a crackerjack fight all the way with Korovou holding the edge. Refere Trevor Christian carded for Korovou by one point (no judges used), and all the good judges agreed that Korovou had won. Gillon also stated that Korovou had won but Gillon's trainer went almost berserk.

Reg King, 128, gained an unpopular points verdict over Barry Bell, 128½, in the main support over eight rounds. Good fight. In another eight Steve Ayerst, 152, outpointed Jeff Sait, 150. Heavy for Ayerst.

▲ Shortland R.S.L. Club — Roger Richens, 111, narrowly outpointed John Hipwell, 111, over ten for the vacant N.S.W. State flyweight title. As referee and sole judge I carded 96-95 for Richens against the local. Richens pulled it out with a hurricane last round. Fans showered the ring with an enormous $65 shower of coins and notes.

▲Brisbane Festival Hall — staged one of its rare (these days) promotions, with Neil Pattel, 145, opposed to Kerry Bell, 144, for the vacant Queensland State welterweight title. A very good bout came to an end in round nine when Bell was stopped because of cuts around the eyes. At the end Bell held a slender lead but Pattel was right in there and two drawcards were uncovered. Pattel spent most of the last two years in N.S.W. and in July just past won the N.S.W. State welter title. However, he is a Queenslander so was qualified to box for the title in that State. Unique for a boxer to hold State titles in two States here.

An eight-rounder on the bill drew a shower of coins. Jack Delaney, 135, narrowly outpointed Billy Facer, 131.

A six-rounder on the bill was a disgrace. Reno James, 147, was opposed to Wayne Smith, 146, and at the end of the first round they exchanged punches. At the end of the second round they did the same thing and as referee Des Crabbe tried to separate them he was struck on the face by both boxers. Seconds from both corners entered the ring and dragged the boxers apart. In the third Smith upended James to the canvas and continued to throw punches at him. James regained his feet, tripped Smith and then kicked him several times. Des Crabbe declared "no contest" and left the ring. As he departed the two brawlers battled each other again. There is no room in boxing for this type of behaviour.

▲Hoholo, New Guinea — Australian Jeff Malcolm, 139, met New Guinean Mark Apai, 140, for the vacant Australasian junior-welter title. Australasian titles usually are conducted between boxers from Australia and New Zealand but there is nothing against New Guineans taking part in such championships. MALCOLM WON IN ROUND FOUR WHEN Apai was disqualified.

▲Wellington, New Zealand — In 1976 Hector Thompson beat New Zealand champion Ali Afakasi for the latter's Australasian welter title in Auckland (N.Z.), but this year Afakasi was matched with former Australian welter champion Steve Dennis for the same title! Afakasi decked Dennis in the eighth round and referee Ray Lindsay stopped the bout and crowned Afakasi. The real Australasian welter champion is Hector Thompson, and he and Afakasi probably will meet in Perth next month for Thompson's title.

In the eight-rounder on the Afakasi-Dennis bill NZer Robert Colley, 147, easily outpointed Aussie Phil Khan, 147.

▲Boroko, New Guinea — Two weeks prior to winning the Australasian junior-welter crown against Apai, Jeff Malcolm, 140, stopped Tony Aba, 142, in the fifth round. A cut eye brought the stoppage, and reports state that the local Aba) was leading by two points at the end.

On the same bill, Aussie Andy Broome, 142, halted New Guinean Martin Beni, 143, in the last round of a ten. Broome was two points ahead coming into the ninth. In that heat he twice decked Beni who did not recover fully from the punishment. Early in the 10th Beni's corner threw in the towel. Date was Sep. 22.

▲Brisbane — Tony Mundine, 174½, gained his revenge on American Lee Royster, 175, at Brisbane Festival Hall, but he had to settle for a points decision in what was — for Mundine — a rather poor bout. Win or lose, Tony usually is exciting, but he must have carried vivid memories of his first-round KO defeat by Royster in New Guinea — a shock verdict brought about by Mundine's carelessness. This bout (in Brisbane) makred the first time that Mundine had met one of his conquerors in a return contest.

▲Melbourne — Australian and Commonwealth junior-lightweight kingpin Billy Moeller, 134, having his first fight for nine months, brought rave notices from Melbourne sports writers when he halted former lightweight champion of Australia, Matt Ropis, 134½, in the seventh round at Melbourne Festival Hall. Moeller looked every inch a champion and Ropis a punching bag. Referee Al Basten called a halt in the seventh.

In the eight-round support comer Brian Schofield, 131, knocked out Paul Baker, 133, in the fifth round.

▲Indonesia — Barry Michael, leading contender for the Australian lightweight title, had a couple of bouts in Indonesia recently. First he lost on points to world ranked Junior-welter Jose Juan Jiminez over ten (each scaled 138) and 18 nights later Michael easily outpointed Sperling Paranguban over 10 (Michael 136, Paranguban 137). Barry is due to meet Freddie Ramschie next week, also in Indonesia. Venue for the Jiminez bout was Surabaya, for the Paranguban bout Jakarta.

Also on the Jiminez-Michael bout was Aussie Wally Carr, who outpointed Rudy Siregar over ten. Each scaled 157½. Had fun and games getting Carr onto the plane from Sydney on time. Promoter phoned me at 1.15 a.m. one morning, wanting a middleweight to leave Sydney next day!! Got Wally, then had to arrange visa. He boarded the plane at 11 a.m. following day — on schedule.

▲ TV boxing in Australia died some time ago but Channel 7 Melbourne tried to resurrect it at HSV7 TV Studios, South Melbourne, headlining John Halley, 177, and Reno Zurik, 179, with fights televised only in the State of Victoria. Halley won on points in quite a good fight but HSV7 still is figuring whether to continue. Should do so as TV boxing was popular with the masses until it behan to be shown too late at night.

▲At South Sydney Junior Leagues Coub, Kingsford, Al Gattling, 177, gunned down Ruby Steele, 175, in five rounds. Steele was game but when Gattling got out the big guns the writing was on the wall. He dumped Steele a second before the bell ending the fifth round, and Steele was out, stopped immediately. In a support Ray Ryan, T.NT.-pinching middle from the stable of Mick Driscoll, took just 87 seconds to end the fight against Bobby Wayne, 166, and that included the 10-count. Ryan's weight was listed as 162, but he is a natural 157-pounder who could make 154 if required. Was Ryan's 10th KO win in 13 outings.

▲The Grange — Queensland welter Ken Patterson has been running up a string of KO wins since he left the amateur ranks as an Australian champion, and keen judges were tipping him for pro honours. In his last outing, he had another KO, but this time it was on the wrong side of his ledger. Opposed to Jeff Sait, a trial horse, Patterson started in his usual fashion but came charging in after one flurry, hands held waist high, and Sait let go a right that everyone saw except Patterson. It was like two cars colliding head-on. Patterson went down and out and stayed out for several minutes. All this in the first round. Elevated Sait, demolished Patterson who might have learnt a valuable lesson.

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SEALS WINS

By RUGGLES LARSEN

The Pacific Northwest's two top middleweights both scored ring victories; Tacom's "Sugar" Ray Seales journeyed to West Memphis, Arkansas where he scored a sixth round knockout over Eddie Davis of Tampa, Flordia. The results gave the former Olympic Games gold medalist eight straight wins.

The area's othertop middleweight, Mike Colbert, displayed his talents before two thousand hometown fans at Portland, Oregon. Mike kayoed Joe Gonsalves of Oakland, Ca at 2:10 of the sixth round. The knockout win kept Colbert's undefeated professional record at nineteen wins.

In a middleweight semifinal at Portland's Expo Center, John Sullivan of Portland knocked out Willie Hernandez of Oakland in the second round. It was Sullivan's sixth win in seven pr bouts.

Prelims: Stebe Asher, 202, Portland, t.k.o.'d Charlies Price, 198, Seattle, in the third round. Steve Moyer, 162, Portland, and Bobby Howard, 163, Seattle, battled to an interesting six round draw.

TONY DANIELS

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port, Tennessee. He started off 1975 knocking out Albert Parker and Willis Johnson. Tony did not box again until late 1976, when he resumed in West Virginia. His first first in W.VA. was against Cookie Claytor of Charleston, W.Va. Daniels downed Cookie for the count in round one. He ended 1976 when he stretched David Redmon in one round. On March 13, 1977, he won the West Virginia State welterweight title, by knocking out the defending champion, Abb Starr, of Delbarton, W.Va., in three rounds in Fairmont, W. Va. Two weeks later in Clarksburg, W. Va., he stopped Nicky Wells in one round. On April 23, 1977, in Fairmont, he knocked out Ron Pettigrew of Cleveland, Ohio, in four rounds. Then on June 5, 1977, also in Fairmont, bombed out Nate Lenore of Indianapolis, Indiana, in just one round. His best win to date was his last match in Elkins, W. Va. on July 2, 1977. He took out Santiago Valdez in 1 minute and 10 seconds of the first round.

He was named Fighter of the Week by a weekly boxing newsaper.

Daniels' future looks bright, with his hard training and if he can escape getting cut or injured in the ring, he should climb the boxing ladder to success.

He is advised and guided as well as booked by knowledgable boxing man of Weston, West Virginia, James E. "Jim" Romel.

Daniels trainer, is former professional boxer, Johnny Johnston, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Johnson believes no fighter should ever enter the ring unprepared. He works Tony hard, but, he gets the desired results. Anthony Tony Daniels, with 13 wins in 13 pro fights and 11 K.O.'s is well on his way. One of the records Daniels is proud of is that in 74 amateur bouts and 13 professional fights, he has never been knocked down, let alone knocked out. Quite a record. Will Tony make it to the top? Only time will tell.

NOEL STOPS STANTON

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Boxing at Sparrow's Hideaway, Petit Valley in the Republic of Trinidad and Toabgo, Claud Noel, 135, lightweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, based at Angelo Dundee's camp in Miami fail to stop Larry Stanton, 136, of the (U.S.A.) the 28 year old Trinidadian won by an unanimous decision going ten rounds which lack lustre against Stanton, who was hardly a match for him. From round one, and two the fight seemed to be a fierce build up. The foreigner had a good second round with his vicious rights to Noel's body.

However, from the third round on Stanton content to back pedal for the rest of the fight. Noel failed miserably to put Stanton away, although catching up with him several times. The affair, so boring was it, that hundreds of fans started to walk out of the stadium after the ninth round. Judge Hastic, 49-44 Noel/judge-Laughlin -50-35, Noel. And Referee George Cumberbatch-49-37-Noel.

Eddie Marcelle 146 (Trinidad) based at Angelo Dundee's camp at Miami, showed an inability to finish Sammy Massias, 145½, (U.S.A.) who came in at the last minute substitute for Tyronne Denby also of the (U..S.A.). Sammy, who appeared to be completely out on his feet in the eighth and ninth although trying to slug it out in the final stanza. Judge Geo. Cumberbatch 39-25-Marcelle judge. Assee-40-32-Marcelle. And referee-Romney-39-25-also for Marcelle.

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Sam Taub and Ruby Goldstein, Boxing Legends, Are Honored

New York's Ring #8 sponsored a night to honor Sam Taub, who recently turned 91, and Ruby Goldstein, who after long association with boxing in New York is moving to Florida.

By HARRY WARREN

VETRAN Boxer's Association, Ring 8, of New York, celebrated a double event at the glamorous Gold Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City. An illustrious membership turned out to honor two great men of boxing, both celebrities in their own right, both holding records in the sport, notables Sam Taub and Ruby Goldstein.

Sam Taub has been dubbed by the Boxing Writer's Association as the "Dean of the sportscasters." SAM TAUB, one of the most remarkable men living, is an active member of the staff of the Ring magazine. His columns are read around the world and his "Up and Down Broadway" column is a gem of information. It's incredible that this nonegenarian actually travels to the gyms and clubs, picking up his data and walks all over New York City to interview former fistic personalities. He types his own copy and is seen at ringside of all the fights at Madison Square Garden.

Sam was Sports Editor of the famous Morning Telegraph. He started as a secretary to the publisher, then became a reporter and assistant to the famed Bat Masterson. For historians, Sam started as a journalist on June 8, 1908. He later became the most celebrated broadcaster in the world of boxing. His "Hour of Champions" radio show on WHN ran for 24 years. Countless celebrities and personalities over the years appeared with Sam.

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Friends and boxing peers gathered for the occasion, among them (below left), from left to right: Ring 8's Abe Berman, sportscaster and ring announcer Frank Shane, Ring #8 official Al Reid, referee Herbie Kronowitz, and referee Tony Perez. Also present, to author Harry Warren's right: Secretary of the New York State Atheletic Commission Rose Lewis, Mrs. Ossie Feldman, and the Rings John Ort, Joan Loubet, and Publisher-Editor Nat Loubet.

DEWEY FRAGETTA, INTERNATIONAL TRAILBLAZER, DIES

The first of the international matchmakers, Dewey Fragetta, left, poses with Joe Visalli, who worked closely with Dewey and often represented him.

By SAM TAUB

MANY HAVE BEEN imitators but none comparable with Dewey Fragetta of Utica, New York, who passed away at the Roosevelt Hospital, in New York City, at age 68 after a long illness, culminating in a heart attack. His was the unique reputation of having been the first international matchmaker. The fighters he sent around the world would fill many books, among them champions and challengers.

News of Dewey's passing came to the Ring office within minutes after his death when Tom Moore, a friend, called us with the bad news. He had been ill for some time but one's passing is always a shock. Dewey is survived by his wife, Lillian, who worked side-by-side with him in his headquarters on Broadway.

Many folks have acted as agents since "Mr. Dewey," as he was called, came on the fistic scene but no one could ever match the mastery of the manager's manager. Dewey is also survived by his children, Maryanne Thomas, of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Rosemary Madrigale, of Downington, Pa., besides grandchildren.

To say that Dewey, a close personal friend, was a great figure in the manly art of self-defense is putting it mildly. The affable Dewey, knew everybody who was anybody in boxing around the world.

What's more amazing was the way Fragetta got himself involved in his work as a fistic agent. Dewey at a young age — fifteen to be exact — became fascinated with the boxing and wrestling game his idols being Bushy Graham, who almost won the bantam crown, and Joe Malacevici. He later joined the staff of the Utica Observer-Dispatch.

Fragetta became involved further with boxing when he left the newspaper to manage Graham and showed an uncanny knack in advancing the prestige of his first protege,

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GEORGE JEROME

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ager Jimmy Johnston. Bob Mussio, a local stock broker, acts as business consultant.

George scored a quick kayo over Chuck Borden then dropped a duke to tough and more experienced Gary "Hobo" Wiler at Olympia, Washington. Ahead on points in a real brawl, Jerome emerged from a sixth-round clinch with a bad cut over the eye resulting in his first loss inside the distance.

In his next bout Jerome was matched with Hugh Mercier in Saskatoon for the Western Canada Heavyweight title. Mercier had met Chuvalo for the Canadian title and had fought Terry Hinke, Italian champ Mario Baruzzi, and had kayoed Ed Ostapovich in one round. Jerome kayoed Mercier in the sixth round he followed this up with a four round kayo of Bob Patterson at Richmond, B.C.

In April 1975, Jerome accepted a bout with Young Sekona, the South Pacific heavyweight champion on eleven days notice. Not much was known of Sekona on this side of the Pacific but he was undefeated in bouts with Mani Vaka, Charlie Dunn, Tommy Mears and later Eddie Jones and Larry Frazier. Sekona, who was ranked third in the British Commonwealth, stopped Jerome on cuts in five rounds. Jerome remained in New Zealand for a time and was trained by Bob Dunlop, former British Empire light-heavy champ.

In September 1975, the Canadian Boxing Federation elected to vacate the Canadian heavyweight title. George Chuvalo, who had been champion since 1964, hadn't fought since October, 1973 and was at least semi-retired.

The Federation named the three remaining active Canadian heavyweights Hoss "Him" Geisler, Paul Neilson and Jerome to take part in an elimination tournament to determine a new Canadian champion.

Geisler a 6-6, 277-pound giant with 12 kayos in 14 fights, battered Neilson to a three round kayo to win recognition as the Eastern Canada heavyweight champion.

In May of 1976, promoter Irv Ungerman matched Geisler with Jerome at Toronto for the East-West Canadian title.

Geisler combined a little wrestling with boxing and shoved his lighter opponent out of the ring a couple of times in winning the first three rounds.

Jerome started landing some good overhand rights in the fourth and also got in some good body shots which slowed Geisler down. In the sixth, the tide turned completely and Jerome brought the crowd of 2,400 to its feet with a two-fisted rally that floored Geisler twice and he took referee Sam Luftspring's full count at 2:40 of the round.

Following this bout there were several cancellations including a bout with Gerry Coetze of South Africa. Finally, in October on short notice, an offer came from promoter Joe Williams of Seattle for a bout with Irish Pat Duncan. Duncan proved to be the most experienced opponent Jerome had faced. Duncan had 45 pro bouts including a win over the then British Empire champ Dan McLindon and a close loss to Joe Bugner.

Jerome won the first four rounds with Duncan boxing defensively and refusing to mix it up. Irish Pat came back to win the next three rounds and in the eighth, the bout was stopped in Duncan's favour on cuts. Jerome then travelled to Izegem, Belgium, losing to European champ Jean Pierre Coopman.

Jerome started 1977 with a draw at Calgary against Earl McLeay over 12 rounds. He then outpointed Seattle heavy Bob Patterson at Winnipeg before a crowd of 4100. George Chuvalo, who is staging a comeback, was his next logical opponent.

The Canadian Boxing Federation will recognize the winner of this bout as the undisputed Canadian champion. Another of Jerome's ambitions is a shot at the British Empire Crown.

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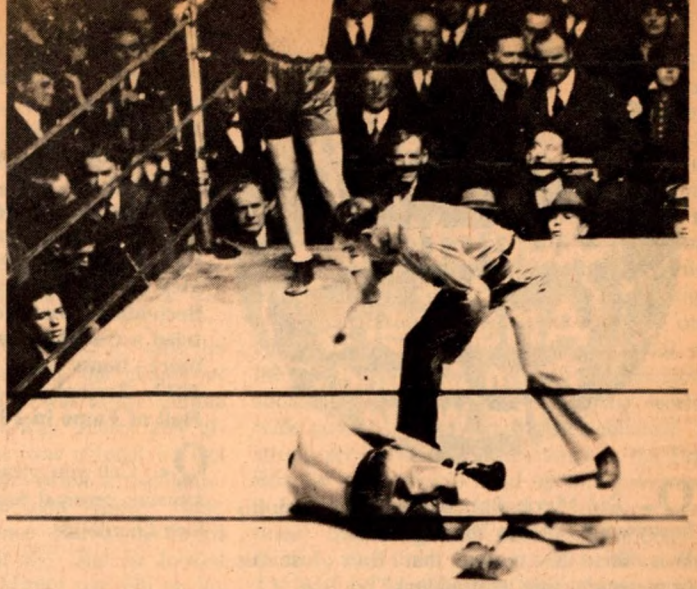
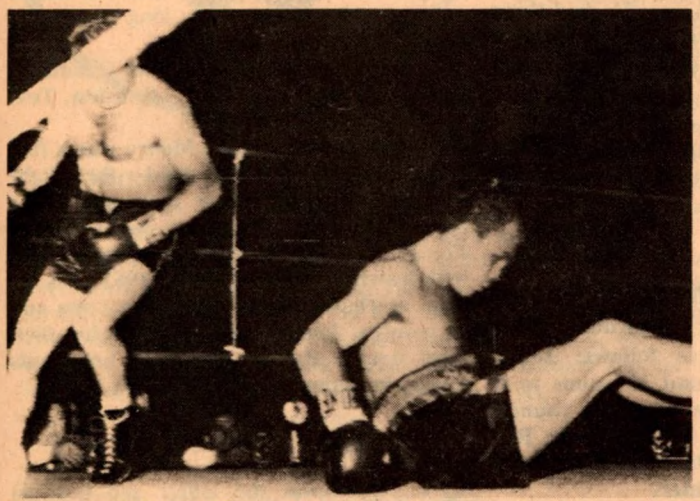
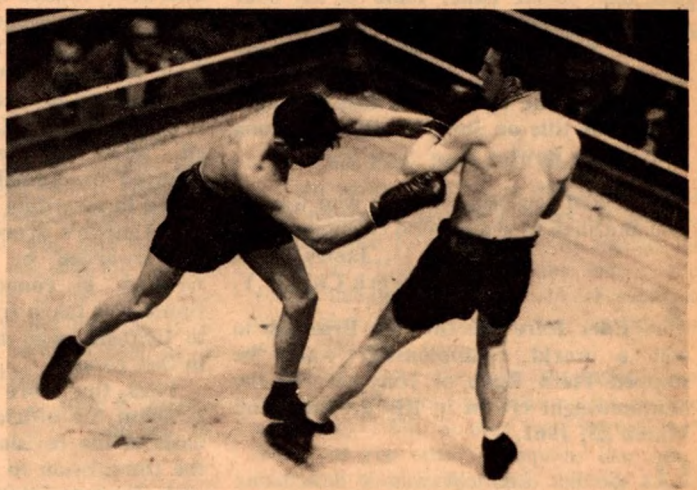


Junior welterweight champion Mushy Callahan made a big impression on New York fans with his second-round knockout of Andy Divodi at Madison Square Garden, March 14, 1927.



Former title holder Carlos Ortiz bounces onto the canvas in the sixth round of his junior welterweight match with champ Duilio Loi in Milan, Itlay, May 10, 1961. Loi retained crown.

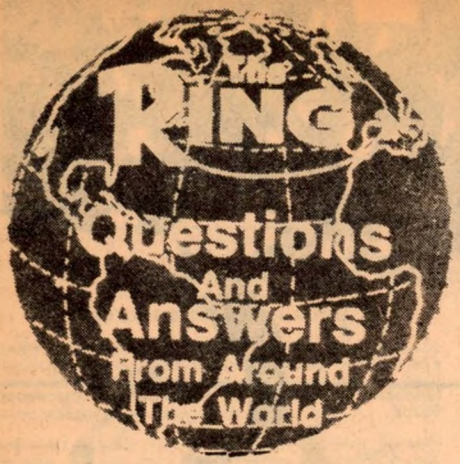


(Above) Tod Morgan, former junior lightweight champ, has Aussie Herb Bishop backing off during their July 30, 1934, fifteen-rounder at the Sydney Stadium. Morgan won on points.

Lulu Perez follows through after landing right to the head of Harold Gomes. The July 12, 1957, bout in Cleveland was a six-round TKO win for Gomes, who later took the N.B.A. junior lightweight crown.

(Below) Allie Stolz recovered from this first-round knockdown, but Tippy Larkin, who would later win the junior welterweight title, halted Stolz in the third of March 23, 1944, contest.

Eddie Perkins, left, and Britain's Vic Andretti swap blows during February 14, 1967, scrap in London. Perkins, former junior welterweight champion, won an eighth-round kayo.



Q. Did Maxie Baer break one or both his heavyweight title to Braddock?
Was this the reason that Baer lost his heavyweight title to Braddock??

Jack M. Freeman
Forest City, N. Carolina

A. There's no official medical statement that Baer broke either hand in his bout against Braddock. The official consensus is that Baer took the bout as an easy touch or easy win, but it turned out Braddock came up with an inspired fight to win the title on June 13, 1935, in Long Island City Bowl.

Q. Could you please tell me who was the first Brazilian to win a world championship:

James Elder,
New York City, N.Y.

A. Eder Jofre was the first Brazilian to win a world championship when he stopped Piero Rollo of Italy to win the bantamweight crown in Rio de Janiro on March 25, 1961.

Q. Soldier Bartfield was a devastating puncher who fought through the early 20's. Did he ever meet Mike O'Dowd, the St. Paul Cyclone, and what was the outcome?

Jim Pearly
Woodhaven, Queens, N.Y.

A. Both fighters were free-wheeling punchers. They met in Brooklyn on March 18, 1922, and O'Dowd took a 12 round decision from Battfield.

Q. Did Tommy Loughran ever meet Tommy Farr in the ring. If so, where and what was the outcome.

Jay Segal
Morristown, N.J.

A. Yes they met in London on January 15, 1936. Farr won a 10 round decision.

Q. Did Paul Berlenbach beat Jack Delaney for the light heavyweight title? Also please inform me if Berlenbach was also a professional wrestler?

Ben George,
Hampton Bays, N.Y.

A. Berlenbach beat Delaney in a light heavyweight title bout in New York City on Debember, 11, 1925. In their second title bout on July 16, 1926, Berlenbach lost the title to Delaney over 15 rounds. On April 17, 1929, the N.Y. State Athletic Commission granted Berlenbach a wrestler's license. After two wins and one no contest bout, the latter against Pat McKay in Philadelphia on May 11, 1927, Berlenbach then retired as a wrestler and tried a comeback as a boxer. He had three more bouts and retired in October of 1933. Berlenbach was elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame in 1971.

Q. Can you please explain the celebrated decision reversal between Billy Graham and Joey Giardello.

Tim Parks
N.Y., N.Y.

A. In the original official decision of the referee and judges, Giardello was awarded the verdict as follows: Judge Shortell-7 rounds to 3 and 10 points to 4 for Graham; Judge Joe Agnello-6 rounds to 4 and 7 points to 4 for Giardello; Referee Miller-5 rounds to 4 for Giardello and 5 points to each fighter.

Commissioners Christenberry and Powell, after the decision was rendered, changed Joe Agnello's scorecard which resulted in awarding the verdict to Graham. On Agnello's scorecard, one extra point was awarded by the Commssioners to Graham in round four and the 10th round was taken from Giardello and given to Graham, who also received two points in that round.

Thus the score was changed to give Graham the official split decision on the basis of the revision of Agnello's card by the commission to read, five rounds each with Graham ahead on pounts, 6 to 5, thereby reversing the majority decision of the judges and referee.

When the case came before the Supreme Court, Justice Botein ruled that the N.Y. State Athletic Commission had no right to reverse the scorecard of the official and decided the actual decision to be the one originally given in favor of Giardello.

Q. I'm an amateur boxer of 17 fights. Now I would like to turn professional. How do I go about getting my license?

Leroy Williams,
Miami, Fla.

A. I would advise you to contact your local A.A.U. office. I'm sure they could direct you to the proper authorities to get your license.

Q. Did Joe Miceli ever fight Gene Fullmer and was it a title fight?

James Weston
E. Rutherford, N.J.

A. Miceli fought Gene Fullmer on November 10, 1958, and was stopped in two rounds in Salt Lake City. Miceli also lost to Jay Fullmer on June 4 of the same year in West Jordan, Utah. Jay stopped Joe in three rounds. Miceli never fought for the title.

Q. Archie Moore was one of the best light heavyweights I ever saw. He could do anything in the ring. He could box and take a guy out with a punch. How long was he the champion?

Les Chambers
Houston, Tex.

A. We heartily admit Moore was a fine ring performer. He held the light heavyweight title longer than any other boxer. He won the crown on December 17, 1952, and his title recognition was withdrawn on February 10, 1962. His tenure as champ lasted nine years, one and ½ months, longest possession of his division. Archie also has the most knockouts scored in major competition with 141.

Q. Who was the tallest and heaviest heavyweight champion through the year.

Joe Charney
Woodside, Queens

A. Jess Willard was the tallest heavyweight champ. He stood 6-feet, 6¼ inches. Heaviest weight honors went to Primo Carnera who scaled in at 267 pounds.

Q. What was the most knockdowns in a lightweight title fight in recent years?

Jim Henderson
Albany, N.Y.

A. That would be the bout between Jimmy Carter and Tom Collins on April 23, 1953, in Boston, Mass. Carter had Collins down seven times in the third round.

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OBJECTS TO MUD SLINGING

The mammoth mud slinging organisations lost no time in spreading the bad word as to the ratings scandal involving the Bible and I for one Mr. Loubet, never doubting The Ring's cleanliness, was so incensed by the misrepresentation of facts that I, after much persistance, finally contacted the razzle dazzle wrongdoers of this mud slinging medium. The outcome of this contest with the "MIGHTY" was that I astride the great white charger, would be the Knight in Shining Armour called upon to do battle on behalf of that most worthy of causes, the one and only true "BIBLE" of boxing.

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M.J. Muprhy
Lancashire, England

JOHNSON FORGOTTEN?

A few years ago, I was returning home from Norfolk, Virginia. I was driving along U.S. Highway 1. When I reached Franklin ton, North Carolina, I stopped and asked numerous people where former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson lost his life in June 1946, in an automobile accident. I knew it happened in Franklinton.

It seemed no one knew what I was talking about. Fame sure is fleeting! Finally, a policeman suggested that I ask a local man who ran a pool room, and who had once been a boxer about the site of the tragedy. He directed me near a roadside diner. The tragic accident had happened only a few feet from the diner. I had been there earlier and had inquired of the lady who ran it where champion Johnson lost his life. She did not know. In fairness to her, I might point out she had not operated the diner very long.

I spent some time trying to raise money to erect a monument, or at least a plaque or marker on the spot. I was completely unsuccessful.

Jack M. Freeman
Forest City, No. Carolina

MONZON-VALDES THE GREATEST

The Monzon-Valdes rematch was the greatest middleweight fight I've seen in some time. Both men should get a medal for combat above and beyond the call of duty. Unfortunately, Mike Colbert is good, but not good enough for Monzon or Valdes to fear him. Monzon's retirement marks the end of a great reign that boxing fans will never forget. Valdes and Bennie Briscoe will probably fight for the vacant crown, which will be a sizzling affair.

Emilie Griffith was foolish to take on Alan Minter at 39 and take the chance of permanent injury. Griffith was at the Garden when Ron Harris beat Ray Seales and afterwards he claimed he was offered a fight with Harris but he didn't want a southpaw. Why the hell would he fight Minter? Then, Emile figured that since Harris destroyed Minter, he could do it too. But he looked like an old man when Minter put him on his butt. What Griffith meant in reality was that he didn't wany any part of Harris.

Emile, get out while you still have your marbles and the respect of fans who love you.

Robert G. Waters
Hartsdale, N.Y.

ALI-SHAVERS DECISION BAD

I am disgusted by the Ali-Shavers decision. I had Earnie ahead, 9-5-1. How long will Ali be allowed to retain his title with these rotten calls? Ali was able to avoid being knocked out but this was his only accomplishment. The life of boxing is dependent on the honesty and integrity of its officials. If Ali once saved boxing as he claims, he is now crucifying it.

John S. Zender
Chicago, Ill.

NOTICES BOXING STYLES

As a boxing fan over the years, I have more and more noticed details of boxing styles used by champion boxers. Now the simplest yet most significant I've observed is that of how the boxers set their arms and this as to whether with elbows in front of their chests and almost touching, or with elbows at the side of their chest.

Those who carry their elbows in front tend to be better at long range and at short range, they step their punches and they hook as well as with other styles, while doing better with straight punches and sequences of punching.

I think it fair to characterize Sugar Ray Robinson and Muhammad Ali as the best exponents of the "elbows in front" styles. The best exponents of the "elbows at the side" styles would be Sonny Liston and Joe Louis.

The boxer with the "better style" doesn't always win but with an advantage in style, he has a better chance of winning.

David T. Johnson
Dayton, Ohio

BOXING AND TV

We hear that "Night of Champions" and "Night of the Heavyweights" had poor ratings and on the telecast of the Ali-Shavers fight, NBC cuts back the show from three to two hours. Who can blame them? It looks like the fight game has stumbled in its comeback on the tube. This occurrence serves to underscore what boxing must do to come back on the tube and in the arena. First: the WBA and WBC must merge so that boxing will present a united front and will have one champion in each division. Second: all of the state and national boxing commissions should be dissolved and one strong worldwide governing body must be established. A strong president or commissioner in the Pete Rozelle mold should head up this governing body. If this were followed by strong promotional marketing and packaging efforts, I think in due time, arenas will be filled and TV will be knocking at boxing's door like never before. Nobody can tell me that people would rather watch golf and tennis on TV (of which there is an abundance) than good top flight boxing.

Charley Hall
Dayton, Ohio

THE PRO BOXING RIP-OFF

I am writing you out of disappointment at your refusal to print my letters. Is not your column open to all opinions? It appears this is not so. If you printed my letters, they would threaten the entire rip-off establishment professional boxing has become and which you are a part.

Instead, you put out magazines with stories on clowns like Norton, the muscle-bound ex "Tin Soldier" in Rockefeller's Army, or you cover champions like Ali, a man who continually enters the ring fat because his obesity represents the affluence he has gained by robbing money from the oppressed people he claims to represent. How much did he steal with Evangelista, 2.5 million?

Irregardless of your attempts to ignore me, I will continue to put on my exhibitions and prove to people that I am the "non-violent" heavyweight champion. I challenge anyone to surpass my workouts. I feel this is what boxing should come to anyhow. Instead of two men fighting each other, they should perform workouts with boxing equipment before three judges. Then, much like in gymnastics, they would be scored, and a winner decided. This type of 'fighting' fits far better inot the more civilized society ours should be. I am so great, I have invented my own sports.

Some day, you, your phony champions, and the institutions you represent will all be swallowed up in the lies you now stand on.

Dennis Morsella
Ft. Pierce, Fal.

(Continued on page 51)

UNBEATEN FOLSTAD EASILY BEATS "STEPPER" HARRIS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — In the main event at the Leamington Hotel, Jr. welterweight Rick Folstad of St. Francis, Minn., pounded out a unanimous ten round decision over Freddie "The Stepper" Harris of Bossier City, La., before around 700 fans.

Harris attempted to confuse Folstad with his clowning antics, but Rick wouldn't fall for the funny stuff and had a fairly easy time of it. Harris did amuse the crowd, but was no match for Folstad.

The best punch landed by Harris came in the first round when he scored with a left hook, after that he produced only theatrics. Although Folstad could not land the kayo punch on the elusive Harris his jabs and rights were more than enough to capture the nod. Folstad did stagger Harris in the tenth with a solid right to the head.

Folstad weighed in at 137, and now is 16-0 as a pro. Harris, 138, is now 16-10 with one no decision. Prior to the fight the local news media had Harris with a 21-5 record. It seems that that is an attempt to defraud the public by someone involved in the promotion by giving out a false record, and the commission goes along with it, or doesn't know any better.

Jim Beattie, St. Paul heavyweight (36-6-1) stopped someone billed as Stanley Dollison of Indianapolis with a left hook in the second round.

Clem Tucker of St. Paul (7-1-1) made short work of Dick Stahl of Chesterfield, Ind., sending Stahl to Snooze City in the second round of a middleweight match. Tucker is a class fighter who should be moving into main events soon.

St. Paul heavyweight Pete Holm, a white Muhammed Ali who has tremendous potential, upped his record to 2-0 by taking a four round decision over Al Houck of Brainerd, Minn. (0-1-;).

ROCKY McCaleb, Rochester, Minn. heavyweight (4-0-1) was held to a surprise four round draw by Jimmy Robertson of Cornersville, Ind.

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VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

VANCOUVER HEAVY WEIGHT GEORGE JEROME returned to the ring wars at Butte, Montana, when he tangled with Joe "King" Roman, heavyweight champ of Puerto Rico. Roman unleashed a savage attack to the body as Jerome tired in the ninth round, but was unable to deck the durable Canadian. Referee Dan Jaic stopped the bout at 1:50 of the nintb, feeling that Jerome had taken enough punishment.

Jerome got in some solid left hooks and came on fairly strong in the middle rounds but Roman was the aggressor throughout most of the fight.

In another heavyweight bout Rod Heinen of Spokane knocked out Jack Martin of Vancouver in the first heat. Bobby Howard of Seattle won an eight-round decision over Eugene White in a middleweight contest.

Irish Tony Dowling, Vancouver middle, was stopped in the sixth round by Steve Moyer of Portland at Ketchum, Idaho. Later in the month he dropped a close duke to Jose Peterson at Anchorage, Alaska.

Heavyweight Bob Patterson of Vancouver and Seattle kayoed Fritz Kranz of Missoula in the fourth round on the Ketchum card.

Vancouver middle Les Vegas dropped a split due to Ronnie Bailey over six rounds at Anchorage.

UTAH BACK IN BIG TIME

By BILL GLASSMAN III

Alex Rodriguez of Phoenix KOed Nutty Lugo of Tucson at the bell ending round 1. Lightweight.

Jeff Shelburg, Heavyweight, of Salt Lake City won on a TKO over J.D. Smith of San Diego in 1:20 of 2. Shelburg, who is managed and trained by Angelo Curley (former manager and trainer of Don Fullmer, trainer of Gene Fullmer and Rocky Marciano) is undefeated as a pro (he is only 2-0, but very impressive). Curley says that Shelburg is further ahead at this stage of his career than Marciano was at the same stage.

Bobby Swanson of L.A. (Jerry Moore, manager) won a split decision over Vincente Medina of Tucson (Beto Martinez, manager), middlweights.

Leonel Valencia of Redwood City, California (2 time National AAU champion, holder of the international amateur featherweight title) won a close but unanimous decision over Cookie Valencia of Ogden. Leonel is now 7-0-1; while Cookie is 9-3. Cookie suffered a broken hand in the fourth round.

The attendance was 2500 and the gross $7400.00.

HARRIS KO'S WILLS

By JOHN MCCAFFERTY

▲Hamilton, Ohio — Don Elbaum — matchmaker. Attendance — 1597.
Mike Wyant, 155, Hamilton, won t.k.o. over Tommy Sacco, 157, Alliance, at 2:40 of the third round;
Lloyd Richardson, 158, Buffalo, won unanimous eight round decision from Jamie Thomas, 163, Cincinnati;
Gary Alexander, 1567, Alliance boxed six round draw with Frankie Williams, 176, Cincinnati;
Gary Coates, 156, Alliance, won unanimous six round decision from Jimmy Claar, 161, Lisbon, Idn.

▲Columbus, Ohio — Columbus Boxing Club — Red Banks, matchmaker, 852 paid.
Steve Gregory, 154, Columbus, K.O.ed Ron Bosley 154½, Columbus at 2:03 of the seventh round;
Greg Netter, 138, Columbus, won four round decision from Earl Caldwell, 139, Col;
Bobby Sparks, 128, Portsmouth, won four round decision over Cal Slaughter, 134, Col. (Sparks is now 7-0);
James Leftwich, 165, Col., K.O.ed Larry Perdue, 166, Cinti., at 1:56 of the fourth; Rodney Cupe, 162, Col., won four round decision from Pete Henry, 163, Co.;
Larry McCall, 148, Cinti., won by K.O. at 1:26 of the first round over Charles Mayes, 151, Col.

▲Canton, Ohio — Willie Harris — matchmaker and promoter. 1700 piad.
Ronnie Harris, 157½, Canton, won by t.k.o. at 2:07 of the tenth round from Cliff Wills, 159, Cincinnati (cut eye);
Ralph Moncrief, 159½, Cleveland won unanimous ten round decision from Ernie Singletary, 158½, Philadelphia;
James Parks, 161, Cleveland, won disputed ten round decision from Johnny Heard, 160½, Chicago;
Ken Daley, 149, Canton, t.k.oed Ron Cummings, 150, Akron at 2:09 of the third round.

▲Cleveland Soctron — John Giachetti, matchmaker. 865 attendance announced.
Marvin Johnson, 173, Indianapolis, K.O.ed Johnny Fields at 2:52 of the first. (Fields hails from Cleveland);
Risto Bekovich, 178, Cleveland, won a six round decision from Clyde Mudgett, 174½, Indianapolis;
Harry Terrell, 198½, Cleveland, won six round decision over Bob Yarborough, 205, Chicago;
Alberto Collazo, 128, Pittsburg, K.O.ed Isaac Vega, 127, Chicago at 2:58 of the fourth;
Carlos Serrano, 128, Chicago and Ray Carrington, 134, Cleveland, were both disqualified for foul tactics in the second round.

▲Dayton, Ohio — Richard Christmas — promoter — attendance 567. Pro-Am.
Tom Fischer, 212, Dayton, won ten round decision from Charley "Big Tuna" Jordan, 215, Detroit;
Mike Wyant, 154½, Hamilton, Ohio, K.O.ed Willie Walters, 159, Detroit at 2:42 of the first round;

▲On another card — Steve Gregory, the senational Columbus junior middle weight and popular Shane Bosley, hard punching Columbus policeman, put on one of the best fights, seen in the Capitol City, in many years. Greogry came from behind tostop Bosley in the seventh round.

"Little Iron Man" Bobby Plegge, Salem, Ohio, light weight, is rapidly becoming the most sought after performer, now working in Ohio rings. Bobby always puts on a top performance, win, lose or draw.

SEARS OVER MCALOON

By FRED EISENSTADT

The boxing show that had been scheduled to run in GAELIC PARK (formally Croak Park) but was rained out, went on the following evening, promoted by Joe Garfield. As usual the program satisfied the on-lookers — a pitifully small attendance of some 600 fans who braved the threatening weather to witness Garfield's ring program that put $4,700 in the box office.

The main attraction pitted young welterweight, Johnny Sears, of Howard Beach, N.Y., 155 pounds (actually junior middleweight), against veteran, corwd-pleasing Danny McAloon (same weight) hailing from Riverdale, N.Y. It was a good battle — Youth against Experience — and the latter was awarded a deserved eight-round decision.

If the seasoned Danny McAloon, though considerablly older than Sears, used his superior ring savvy to outpoint his willing adversary but Johnny kept trying throughout the slugfest. Referee: Vinnie Renone.

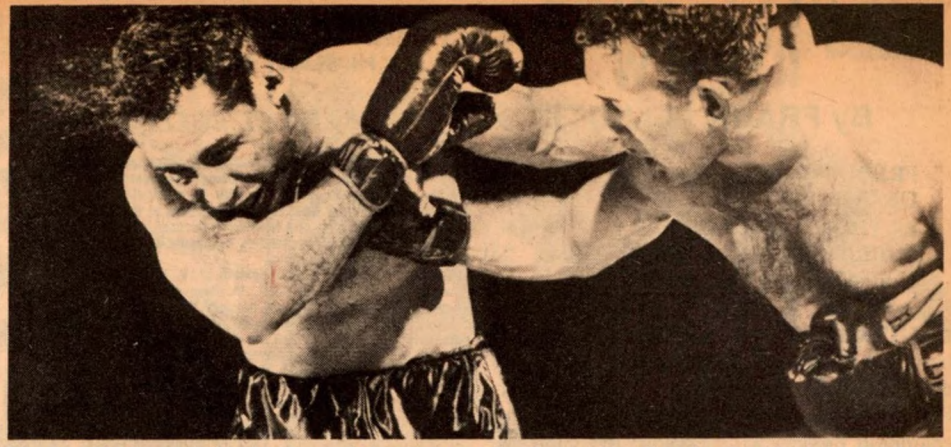
In the semi final eight-rounder, Pat Maloeny, 146 pounds, of Yorkville, N.Y. set back Willie Davis, of White Plains, N.Y., 147 pounds. Both exchanged telling punches, but the Irish lad pounded out a clean-cut victory.

There was very little fistic action in the third eigh tround setto. It required only one session for Felix Perez, of Bronx, N.Y., to dispose of Billy Wade, after Perez had sent him twice to the canvas. They are lightweights.

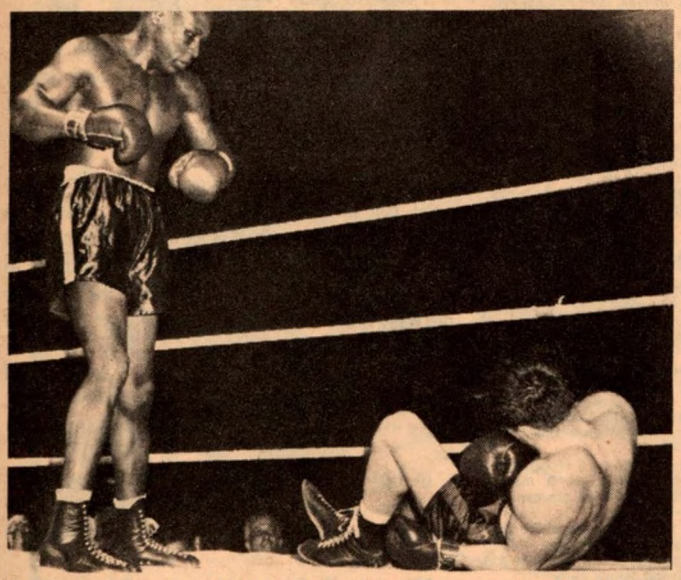
Eddie Campbell, 143 pounds, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a protege of restauranteur Jack Singer, is fully deserving of the praise heaed upon him. Eddie outboxed and outpunched a good fighter in a Julio Chavalier, 146¾ pounds, of the Bronx, N.Y. Julio offered stiff resistance, but Eddie hit hard and often, ever moving in and punching. Referee Lou Eskin permitted the scrappers to slug it out. Campbell received the duke.

In another six-round setto, Mark Harrez, 145½ pounds, of Cuyana, has been billed to exchange wallops with Hugo Velasquez, but instead he boxed a substitute, someone named Morgan, 150 pounds, of New Jersey. And the sub gained the verdict. It was an interesting slugest.

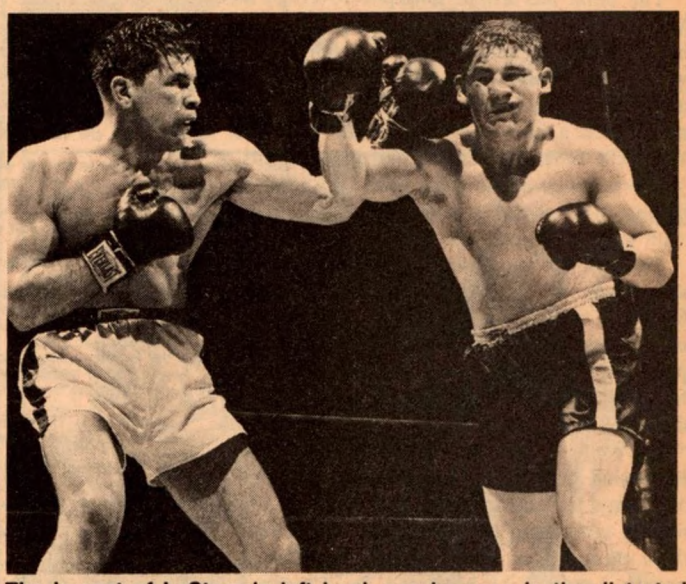
Heavies of the 1950's



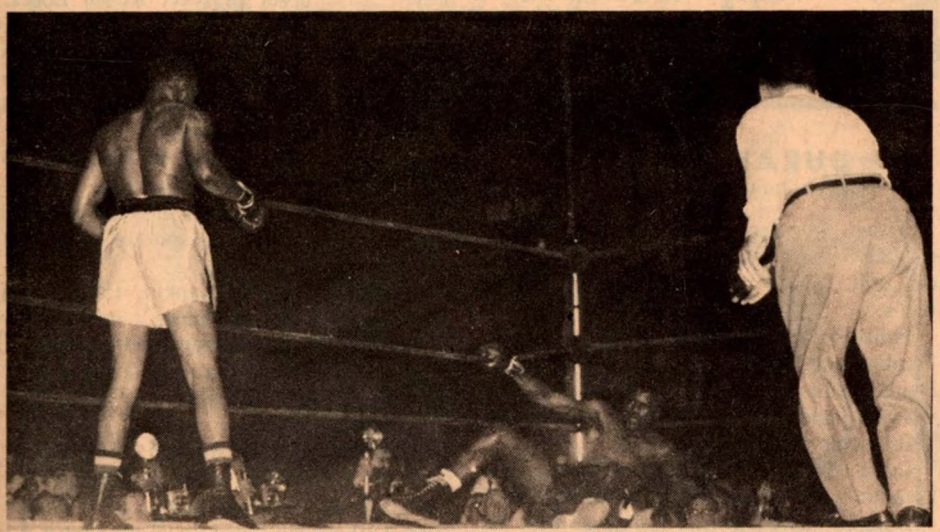
Charley Norkus, right, lands a right that sends Danny Nardice to the deck in the third round of their wild bout on January 20, 1954, in Miami Beach, Florida. Nardico was down six times and Charley twice before it ended in the ninth with Norkus a TKO winner.



It's all over for New York's Roland LaStarza. A looping right by Cuba's Julio Mederos put him down and out in the fifth round at Miami Stadium on March 2, 1955.



The impact of LaStarza's left hook can be seen in the distorted features of wild-swinging Rex Layne as they traded punches in Madison Square Garden on February 13, 1953. LaStarza got the nod.



(Above) Cuban heavyweight champ Nino Valdez watches as Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson struggles to get up after the first of three second round knockdowns. After 2:35 of the round, referee Al Berl stopped the July 14, 1954, bout in Madison Square Garden. (Right) New Yorker Jimmy Slade has Britain's Don Cockell on the way out in their London meeting, December 6, 1951. The referee stopped it in the fourth round.

GUEST BOOK REVIEW

By FRANK ALLNUTT

FREDDIE MILLS. HIS LIFE AND DEATH.
AUTHOR. JACK BIRTLEY.
PUBLISHED BY NEW ENGLISH LIBRARY.

AUTHOR JACK BIRTLEY, whose first book was entitled **The Tragedy of Randolph Turpin,** has come up with another first rate book on former world heavyweight champion Freddie Mills, whose life came to tragic end when he was found shot in his car in an alley behind his London restaurant.

The book has a fine in-depth coverage of Mills professional record covering his early bouts in Bournemouth right through to his world title bouts. Mills lacked both science and finesse as a boxer; he was a slugger who never took a backward step in the ring. He was very severely punished in many fights, yet was allowed to take part in contests against heavyweights and lightheavyweights with very short intervals.

Perhaps his most serious beating was in the hands of the American fighter Lloyd Marshall who knocked Mills out in five rounds and in doing so hit Mills with every punch in the book. It was the only loss suffered by Mills in 1947, but he never fought the same after that bout.

He went on to win a decision over Gus Lesnevich in July of 1948, but as the result of many brutal beatings his career was rapidly coming to a close. Mills fought only three more bouts after winning the championship.

During the war years Mills served in the R.A.F., and when demobbed in 1946 he had a bad year, fighting four times losing three by knockouts.

When his career finally ended, Mills was a sick man and the concluding chapters in the book dealing with his death will surprise many boxing fans. Freddie Mills gave his all to the profession he loved and ended up a loser.

Jack Birtley has produced another 'must' for all boxing fans to include in their library. 37 issues of RING magazine, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1974, including 7 anniversary or colelctor-special issues, for sale. Expect fair offer. Joseph Gratsch, 4900 Elizabeth St., Cudahy, Cal. 90201.

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HINNANY BEATS FIELDS

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Local lightweight prospect Wade Hinnany ran his unbeaten streak to nine with an unpopular 8-roound split decision over unlucky New Yorker Ray Fields at the Blue Horizon.

Fields was the victim of a hometown decision that ever seemed to surprise Hinnant who was standing dejectedly in his corner when the scoring was announced.

The only rounds that saw Hinnant, 139, make good use of his power were the fifth and sixth. In these sessions Wade smashed home hurtful hooks to the body but failed to follow up.

Fields, 140, fought a smart battle. He jabbed well and crossed his right with consistency. When the going to too rough for his liking, Ray successfully tied-up his adversary until danger passed.

The RING scored the bout 39-36 in favor of the loser.

Former international amateur star Marvin Stinson scored his fourth win as a pro with a 8-round decision over Al Surafall of New York City.

Stinson, 207, of Phila., won the fight with good combination punching on the inside. There were no knockdowns but the unknown Surafall, 202, made the bout interesting with his game effort.

In a third 8-rounder young James Washington Jr. scored an easy points win ober fellow Philadelphian Mike Frazier. Washington, 128, is the son of local trainer Jimmy Arthur, who trained the late Tyrone Everett. The stubborn Frazier, 129, kept pressing but could not cope with Washington's cool boxing.

Delaware's Joey Tiberi, 146, had to work hard to stop chubby George Sydnor, 150, in the fifth-round of a scheduled six. Sydnor, who last fought as a lightweight, could be a useful boxer if he got back in condition.

Mike Ross, 138, got lucky when a clash of heads busted up Kenny Twine, 135½. The ref stopped the fight after a fast paced opening round and awarded Ross a TKO victory. Both men from Philly.

The best fight on the card was the splendid four-round opener between Atlantic City's Tony Hernandez and local Tony Still.

Hernandez, 120, nailed Still, 118, with a hard right behind the ear for a first round knockdown. Sill beat the count and battled back to exchange punches the rest of the way. A rematch would be a sure-fire crowd pleaser.

The show was promoted by the Spectrum Boxing Department, J. Russell Peltz, matchmaker.

▲UPPER DARBY — Unbeaten Jerome Goodman, of Philadelphia, scored an 8-round split decision over "Dancing" Dan Snyder in a boring windup at the 69th Street Forum.

It was Goodman's second victory over Snyder and the sort of fight that is better quickly forgotten.

Snyder, 158½, spent the entire bout on the retreat. He danced and pranced around the ring but never landed a punch of any consequence.

Goodman, 158¼, chased his man but had little success. He deserved the win because without his aggression there would have been no fight.

Tony Tassone, 159, of Ha)vertown, Pa., scored a repeat points win over West Chester's Carlos Prigg, 164½, in a mauling 8-rounder. This was another tedious affair, with much clinching and wrestling.

South Philadelphian Kevin Moefield, 147, was robbed of the decision in his six-rounder with Upper Darby's Mike Picciotti, 145½. Moefield won four of the six rounds with ease but fell victim to one of the rash of poor calls seen recently in and around Philly.

Vic Pappas, 141, scored a points win over Camden's Kenny Muse, 134½, in a good punch-up over six rounds. Pappas from Upper Darby.

Richie "The Bandit" Bennett, 167, scored a cut-eye TKO over old SidneyMinott, 160. The winner from Upper Darby, the loser from Philly.

Once again the best fight opened the show. Local slugger Mickey Diflo, 137, edged Atlantic City's Larry Huffin, 134½, over four action packed rounds. Huffin was also unlucky not to get at least a draw for his effort.

The card was promoted by Marty Feldman and Ed Crawford, along with their matchmaker J.R. Peltz.

DURAN-VIRUET

(Continued from page 8)

Viruet, who thought he had been robbed, saw his record dip to 24-3-2 (8 KO's). Duran, still only 26 years old, is now 61-1 (50 KO's).

Philadelphia light heavyweight Matthew Franklin and Ohio puncher Bill "Dynamite" Douglas stole the show with a thrilling slugfest that ended in a controversial sixth-round TKO victory for Franklin.

Little happened in the first two rounds as Franklin backed away and Douglas stalked.

Douglas started to find the range with his left jab and dangerous right cross early in the third. Franklin shrugged off the punishment and came back with solid left hooks to stun Bill slightly as the round drew to a close.

The fourth round was murder. Both men hammered home enough clean headshots to kayo a horse, but they somehow kept their feet.

"Dynamite" took over in the fifth, connecting with crashing rights to the head. Then with less than a minute elaspsed, a roundhouse left put Franklin down.

The dead game Philadelphian beat the count but was soon hung on the ropes with Douglas nailing him with vicious shots to the head. At least a dozen blows smashed into Matthew before Douglas started to become arm weary.

With the crowd of 7,910 going crazy, Franklin rallied at the close of the round to have Douglas backing up.

The 37-year-old Douglas got off to a good start at the beginning of the sixth. This did not last long and Franklin soon turned things around with a two handed barrage that had Bill looking shaky.

At this point referee Hank Cisco jumped in and stopped the fight with Douglas bleeding from the nose and mouth. Cisco's action brought a chorus of boos from the fans that continued through the announcement of the decision.

The general feeling was that Cisco was at fault for not affording Douglas a chance to come back as he had Franklin the previous round. It was an unsatisfactory ending to what had been an excellent and savage brawl. The time of the TKO was 2:44 of round six.

This reporter thought that Cisco could have given Douglas a bit more time considering the beating he let Franklin absorb earlier.

Douglas, who hopes for a re-match, dropped to 34-13-1 (25 KO's) while the talented Franklin is now 17-3-2 (11 Ko's) and on the rise.

The top flight preliminary card saw three action-packed six-rounders go the distance.

Hustling South Philadelphian Archie Andrews, 155, upset prospect Ruben Lopez, 150, with a desperate last round rally. Archie was cut over both eyes by the sharp shooting Puerto Rican but he never gave up and pounded his more skilled opponent all over the ring in the final frame.

Lopez, of Warminster, is now 12-2 (4 KO's) and will be back. Andrews, a deceptive 8-8 (3 Ko's), is never in a bad fight and is a big crowd pleaser in spite of his lack of polish.

Frankford's Daryl Lampkin, 156, was an unpopular points winner over Billy Wareham, 160, in another good punchup. A strong last round looked to have edged it for Wareham but the decision was not too far off.

Local comer Wade Hinnant, 138, outslugged Luis Vega, 140, to run his log to 8-0 (4 KO's). Vega, of Reading, Pa., gave Wade a good workout but faded down the stretch.

Spectrum matchmaker Russell Peltz was disappointed with the small crowd but it should be remembered that the title fight was shown live on ABC-TV and that neither Duran or Viruet were local fighters.

The card was co-promoted by Don King.

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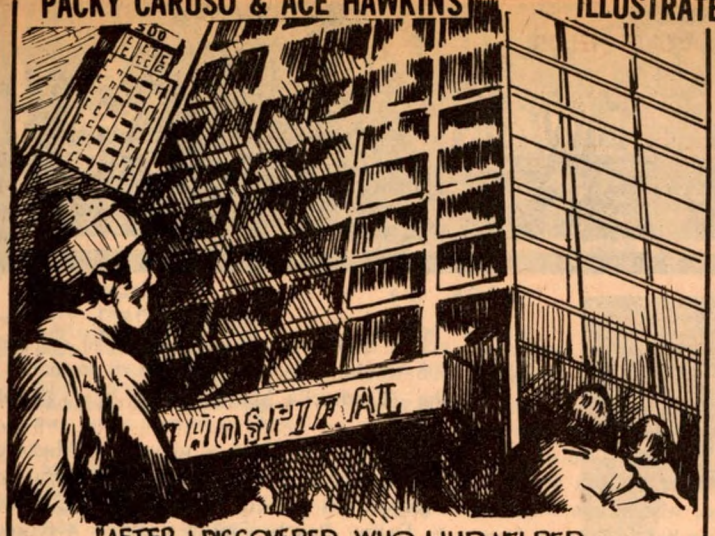

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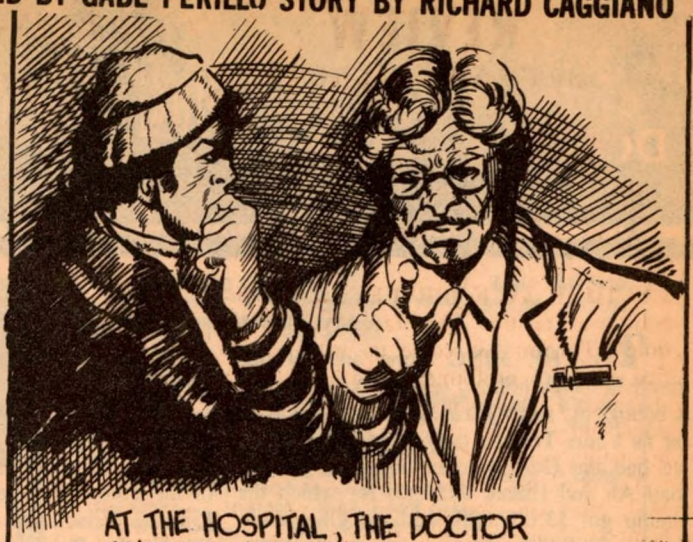

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

TO THE RING game and all our friends a happy holiday season. Another year is behind us, and what a hectic one it was as far as Yours Truly is concerned. First of all, we had the Garden scrap between Muhammad Ali and Earnie Shavers, for which the champ got $3,000,000, and the Ohio challenger $300,000. Many argued about the duke, which was unanimous for the kingpin. It's surprising how many folks thought otherwise. We had the challenger ahead 9 to 6. Which only goes to show you'll have arguments after all fights unless they wind up in a kayo. It was a pretty fair brawl.
brawl.

Then came a lull as far as the Marquis of Queensberry game is concerned and the action in the Garden and a few scraps at the smaller clubs. And as we pound this out another all-star card for the Garden, a quartet of tens scheduled.

But then we old timers got the other thrill. We're talking of the baseball series playoffs between the Yankees and Kansas City, which the New Yorkers won. And then the Yanks went on to trounce the Los Angeles Dodgers, with a grand finale of fireworks in the final game in New York with Reggie Jackson's spectacular three home runs.

Before we forget the title match, we're reminded of the galaxy of champions to watch the get together. Ex-king Joe Frazier got a warm reception. Among others introduced were ex-champions Billy Conn, Ike Williams, Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, ex-twice heavyweight boss, Floyd Patterson, now a member of the State Athletic Commission, and former middleweight boss, Jake LaMotta. Also ex-welter and middleweight king, Sugar Ray Robinson, as well as Ken Norton, No. 1 challenger for the crown, as well as popular Joe DiMaggio, of Yankee baseball fame. Both Joe Frazier and Joe DiMaggio were warmly received as were the others.

Ran into Sgt. Thomas Kreider, of the 52nd precinct, who was handling affairs at the Yankee press gate and he thrilled us by reminding us of the late Tom Maxwell, always present at boxing matches and baseball and other doings at both the now gone Polo Grounds and the new Yankee Stadium. Kreider is a wonderful fellow and an asset. He and ex-heavyweight king Jimmmy Braddock, used to box when Thomas was a rookie patrolman at the Yankee Stadium and at the Polo Grounds. The Sergeant is a friend of Mike Kavanagh, now in charge of the Yankee press gate. Wonderful, courteous people.

Met a lot of old time newspaper friends who cover fights and baseball. One of them was Jack Murphy, brother of Bob Murphy, of the Mets TV squad, who works with Pal Lindsey Nelson and ex-baseball great from Pittsburgh, Ralph Kiner, in handling the Mets broadcasting. Jack covers all the big fights and baseball doings for his Coast newspaper.

Hobnobbed with Phil Rizzutto, a great infielder for the Yankees of yesteryear, who handles the Yankee broadcasting with our pal, Lindsey Nelson, and ex-Pirate great outfielder, Ralph Kiner.

Lou Salica, twice bantam king, and his wife Grace returned very happy to be among those present at Italian-American Boxing Hall of Fame get together which took place in Chicago, when many ex-kings of Italian extraction, including buddy Melio Bettina, the pride of Beacon, N.Y. and ex-lightheavyweight boss, were honored. Lou talked of the great time all the ex-kings had and what fine hosts George Randazzo and Joseph Granata, turned out to be. Outstanding tribute to the late Rocky Marciano, the ex-heavyweight champion. Angelo Dundee, trainer for Champion Ali, was also among those honored.

Another famous out-of-towner, who covered the big fight and the World Series, was a good friend and fine newspaperman Milt Dunwell, Sports Editor of the Toronto Star. We first met him doing publicity work for Cus D'Amato, when Floyd Patterson successfully defended his heavyweight crown, against Tom McNeeley, of Boston, who was managed by Peter Fuller, son of the former Boston Governor. Milt still holds down his job and added that Jim Vipond is still sports editor of the Toronto Globe-Mail, while former sports editor of the Toronto Telegram, Hal Walker, now holds down a similar job with the New Calgary Herald. These men have covered the fistic and baseball beats for many years, and are great reporters.

Before we quit talking about these veteran pals of ours and the Ring, we also want to put in a word of thanks for myself and Boss Nat Loubet for the courtesies again given us so we could watch the great series between the Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers. While at the ball game ran into Jackson B. Pokress, publisher of the Observer newspapers of Baltimore, Md., a cousin of the late Joe Gould, who piloted James J. Braddock, the "Cinderella Man," to the heavyweight crown.

Tom Moore, chief of security in Madison Square Garden, whose been wonderful to everyone, is leaving his post and will retire to Delray Beach, Florida. Lou is a retired police lieutenant and a good pal of our buddy, Ted Lukowski, as well as the man who almost became welter weight chanpion, Billy Graham. Lou, with wife Pat and Tom, Jr., ten years old, naturally will be going with him. Incidentally, Pat will have been ten years with the Garden. While never a boxer, Moore recalls many times he donned the gloves for a friendly sparring session with Billy Graham. Good luck, my friend.

Incidentally, Supreme Court Justice Eugene Canudo, former boxing and wrestling announcer at the Coney Island Velodrome and Newark arena, has recovered from long hospital siege and last reports he was recovering at his home in Suffolk County. Judge Mike Potoker, of the Supreme Court, got a kick out of the Shavers-Ali brawl, and his son Andy was with him. Mike has always been a boxing and baseball fan. That's understandable.

An old friend of ours was at the Ali-Shavers fight, the former manager of Archie Moore. Dick Saddler, full of zip, was there to greet his old friend, Teddy Brenner, Duke Stefano and others in the Garden quarters. Incidentally, Duke was scheduled to retire from the Garden as assistant matchmaker to Brenner, because of the age limit.

The voice you hear from the Yankee Stadium and the Giants activity at the Meadowlands is that of Bob Shepherd, the public address announcer, who does a swell job. Luckily he knows enough when to step in handling his chores.

Lest we forget it, Carl Lundquist, former UPI baseball writer who did a swell job with his associates in the handling of credentials for the baseball writers to Yankee Stadium World Series and playoffs. Now in sports public relations with our old friend, Irwin Rosee, brother-in-law of Lester Bromberg, of the New York Post.

Phil Rizzuto, whom we mentioned previously, incidentally wound up on the U.S. Hospital staff as a member of Mobile 9, when we met our cousin, Dr. Edward Greene, in Brisbane, Australia, in 1944. We forgot to mention this to the broadcaster

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3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
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5—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
6—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.

ED GAZO

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more punches.

Good combos by Shibata caught Gazo's face in the seventh and eighth cantos. However, Shibata never turned aggressive and remained defensive against Gazo's unorthodox blows. The two rounds were even.

"Throw punches, Shibata!," cried the crowd irritatingly.

The ninth stanza saw Shibata trading a long solid left to Gazo's chin which had him reeling against the ropes. For the first time the Nicaraguan showed respect for the southpaw rival's power.

The Nipponese, who had retained the national title by impressive kayos over fellow countrymen Sumio Kai and Sanshiro Higo during his 19-4-2 record (10 by knockout), dominated the ninth round by a slight margin.

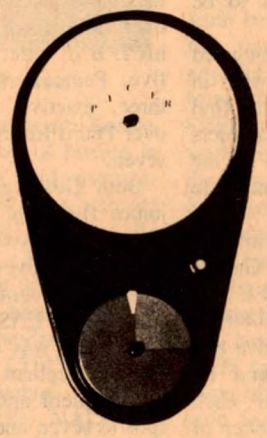
Gazo's amateurish punching style made some ringsiders doubt how he could register 20 kayos in his previous 36 wins against four defeats and two draws. But vital and vigorous Gazo landed three times as many punches as Shibata did, whether they hit the target or not. The tenth round was taken by Eddie. Shibata was quite a puzzling southpaw not only for Gazo but also for the fans, who were gloomily forced to watch Shibata content to defend himself with his longer arms very well.

Gazo was in command again in the eleventh round, when he concentrated at the taller opponent's midsection. Though the younger lefty avoided many of those punches, Shibata's revenging attack failed to impress. They exchanged no effective rallies from the 12th to the final session except in the 13th round, much to the dsiappointment of the crowd. Mostly, they missed and clinched each other.

In that thirteenth canto, Shibata suddenly employed busy footwork and threw some solid one-twos to the defending champ's face to have those spectators come back who were leaving the hall with disgusted impressions. They might better have gone home, as Shibata was completely out of gas for the next session.

In spite of a quarter pound lighter than Gazo's 153¾, Shibata appeared to be bigger in physique, moreover had a superior height by five inches. The youngster's lack of action may have been due to his nervousness or overwork in training sessions. His effort could not make the fans criticize him too much.

In a supporting tenner, hitherto unbeaten winner of the Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournament this year, Kosei Kawaguchi, 122 pounds, lost an upset decision to speedy footworker Hurricane Teru, ¾ pound lighter.



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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

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judges are scoring their contest while the fight is going on while the fans in the arena are kept in the dark?

In the recent Ali vs. Shavers fight Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer, stated that he had profited from information on the officials score cards which were flashed after each round to the 70 million home video viewers.

It seems, according to Dundee, that he was privy to the round by round scoring by a runner relaying the info after each round direct from the Ali dressing room where a television set had been installed so that Ali's people could know the scoring as the fight progressed.

Dundee stated: "I never told Ali of my information except after one round. I think it was the seventh. I used it for my own guidance. Normally I would be opposed to revealing the scorecards after each round.

Shaver's manager said that he was not given the opportunity to get the information and to have a runner to bring it to him at ringside. Fran Luca, Shaver's manager, said that he would not have used the dope even if he had received it since he does his own scoring, but he was miffed that it was not available to him. As the English might say: "It isn't cricket." No, but it seems to be boxing!

Even if such scoring were to be relegated to the home viewer and not allowed in arenas it is obvious that if managers can find a way to obtain this information gamblers will also find a channel, and this will set the stage for even more problems for boxing to overcome.

Teddy Brenner, the Garden matchmaker stated: "I am against it and we at the Garden plan to do something about it." I HOPE SO!

John Condon, vice president of Madison Square boxing, indicated that the Garden had originally planned to show the round by round scoring at the Garden after each round, but upon reflection thought better of the idea. Said Condon: "We didn't think it was wise. Personally, I think it detracts from the pleasure of watching at home. Fight fans like to get involved. They like the uncertainty of waiting for the final decision."

Both Garden officials are one hundred percent correct in their thoughts.

The blame must focus on those in television and the New York Athletic Commission, who made a bad decision, and we trust they will realize their mistake and rectify it by not allowing it to happen again.

I am apparently not alone in denouncing this experiment since in addition to myself, many leading boxing officials, congressional, government and consumer groups voiced sharp protests and were provoked by the seeming lack of common sense in this break with boxing tradition.

That this once again points up the necessity for a National Boxing Commission to guide boxing and prevent such occurrances is more than obvious.

WORLD RATINGS

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Mexico's lightweight Vicente Saldivar beat Vicente Hermandez and moves from four to three. Hawaii's Ganigan beat Roman Contreras to pull him up to the fourth spot. Vilomar Fernandez and Usai each fall one place, inactive. Hector Medina, Dominickan Republic is out of the top ten to be replaced by the man who beat him, Puerto Rico's Enrique Solis. Solis is now ten with Jim Watt moving up to nine.

The No. eight, nine, and ten men in the junior lightweight division all won last month, and move up to six, seven, and eight. They are Frankie Baltazar, Alfredo Pitalua and Warren Matthews. Ben Vallaflor, the ex-champion, calls it a career, and his spot is taken by Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Tex., who is number ten. Yoshio Apollo, Japan, inactive, falls to nine. Arguello and Limon also won last month, but remain second and third.

Featherweights Mike Ayala, Richard Rozelle, and Reuben Castillo all won. Castillo stays number two, while Ayala and Rozelle move up from nine and ten to eight and nine respectively. Martinez falls to ten.

Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, kayoed Gilberto Lara, to move into the third place in the bantamweights as Franco Zurlo's win over Ireland's Paddy Maguire in defense of his E.B.U. title, moves him up to four from five. Pedroza, Panama, drops to five from three, inactive. Robert Ruvaldino's victory over Pedro Rodriquez moves him from six to seven.

Both Gushiken and Estaba retained their junior flyweight titles, and remain two and three in the flyweights. Los Angeles, Al Sandoval win moves him from six to four. Both Lujan and Guzman fall a spot, inactive.

LATE FLASH — Houston's Johnny Boudreaux was upset by Dallas heavyweight Randy Stephens, and drops from seven to ten. Righetti and Knoetzee move up each a spot to seven and eight, rounding out the top ten is E.B.U. champion Alfredo Evengelista, Spain, his last victory being over Pedro Soto. Stan Ward falls out of the top ten, with his lost to Ron Lyle.

Middleweight Vito Antuofermo, Italy kayoed Mike Nixon to move up from eight to six .

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MANAGERS, TRAINING, FIGHTERS

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DEWEY FRAGETTA,

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whom he hooked up with champions Fidel LaBarba, Battling Battalino and others in 1953. That's when Fragetta decided to become international representative of American stars.

There may have been many smart traders in the boxing game in this country but the idea of Dewey Fragetta's becoming a world agent caught on like wildfire and he quickly became well known. Dewey proved his ability to overcome obstacles, there was the time he broke down the color line and booked Emil Griffith, later to become a great champion in several classes, to box in Johannesburg.

Dewey, while away from his office, never worried. "My wife Lillian knows more sports promoters than any other woman in the world and is the best help a man could ask for, Dewey once said."

Dewey became a household word in boxing circles and was one of the busiest men around. He traveled many times around the world with the men he booked and their managers and was affiliated with others in TV shows, especially on the Saturday Night TV shows over WABC. His foresight enabled him to get in on the Telestar picture promotions.

Like others in boxing, Dewey had his friends and those who didn't like him. We found him a very friendly man and we often met up with him and his associates in the now gone Jack Dempsey restaurant which was in the Brill Building, on Broadway, New York City. So much more can be written about the kid from Utica who, like others, came to New York to make a reputation and as far as the boxing game goes, no one will deny that "Mr. Dewey" did cut quite a figure in the sport. He became a good will ambassador around the world with boxers who had made a reputation for themselves in the good old U.S.A. When a man's successful, especially in boxing, he has people who like and dislike him but our experiences with him were most cordial and he always had a warm spot in his heart for the Ring magazine and its staff.

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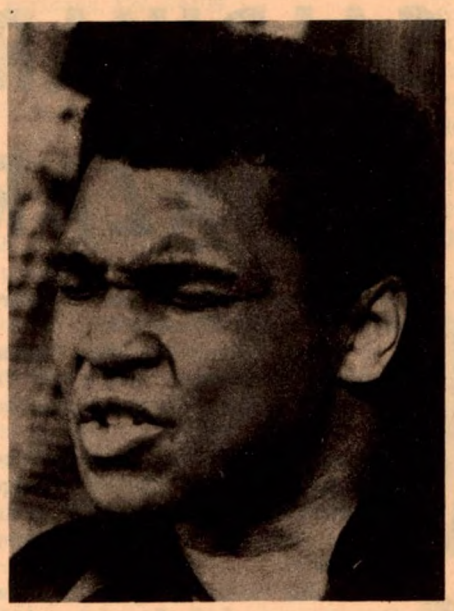
RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

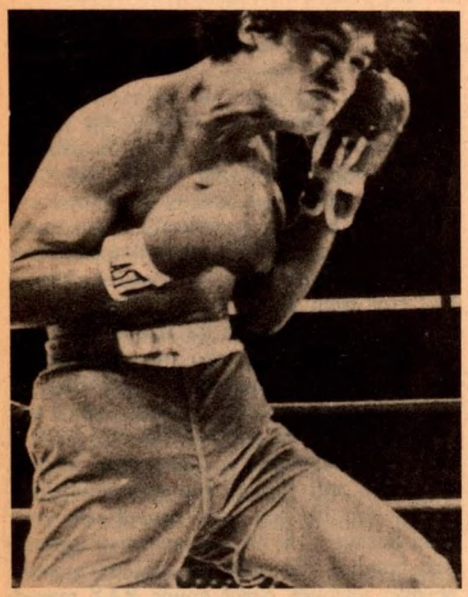
HIS SKILLS have diminished — he is fighting with his head now — and getting by. MUHAMMAD ALI and ANGELO DUNDEE — together they have made fistic history. ALI claims to be the greatest — I never did believe that — I've seen others over the years, but I do believe he is the greatest of his time. He conned plodding EARNIE SHAVERS out of the biggest prize in sports — the heavyweight championship of the world. He boxed just enough to win. He closed awful fast, like he always does. His astute trainer, ANGELO DUNDEE, came up with another first. ANGELO had Baltimore promotoer EDDIE HRICA in ALI'S dressing room watching the scoring after each round via TV — running to the ramp to the arena and signaling (thumbs up — or thumbs down, or flat hand for even round). DUNDEE knew after each round just where ALI stood. The other corner thought SHAVERS ws ahead. He loafs a round or two — the man is old — will be 36 years young in January — when he is hurt he signals his foe to come in and fight — naturally the opponent figures this is a trick — and waits — playing ALI'S game to the hilt — quite a guy, indeed!! Maybe MUHAMMAD ALI is the greatest of his time, but I think his trainer ANGELO DUNDEE is the greatest — without DUNDEE, ALI would never have been king. Remember the night he didn't want to come out against the late SONNY LISTON? It was ANGELO who shoved him out of the corner to win the heavyweight crown. Remember the ight in London when HENRY COOPER staggered ALI? It was ANGELO who sliced the glove enough to halt the fight until the glove could be replaced giving ALI time to recover. Now this latest gimmick. Yes, there is no doubt in my mind, ANGELO DUNDEE is the greatest trainer to come along in years — a remarkable pair indeed!!! DR. UMBERTO CARNERA, son of the late heavyweight champion PRIMO CARNERA, has his offices in Chicago. Few realize the massive CARNERA had a son, and a top flight physician at that. . . . RICK FOLSTAD, welterweight from Minneapolis, is a standout prospect, and BEN STERNBERG is hoping to develop him into a top attraction for the Twin Cities. . . . The heart-throb in Kansas City is TONY CHIAVERINI, hard socking southpaw gladiator who is coming along in great style. He should be challenging for a world title in a year or so. Kansas City used to be the breadbasket of boxing in the U.S. . . . What a waste and mismanagement RON STANDER got. Don't forget he knocked out EARNIE SHAVERS and did make a respectable fight against JOE FRAZIER before succumbing after five (5) rounds. Now washed up, and living in Council Bluffs, Iowa. . . . They're still talking in Boston about VINNIE CURTO taking the "run-out powder" refusing to fight MARVIN HAGLER. . . . RIP VALENTI had a fine "house" and gate, but had to refund some of the money when it was announced that CURTO had left town and flew to Seattle. This was four days before the bout!! JIM BEATTIE, heavyweight on a comeback, says he is really serious this time out. He may figure in matches with SCOTT LEDOUX and DUANE BOBICK. . . . so there is hope for boxing in the Twin Cities. . . . Always nice to hear from SAMMY LUFTSPRING, former top ranked Canadian, now the top referee in Canada. SAMMY tells me his book **Call Me Sammy** sold over 10,000 copies — quite a story about a great guy and great fighter. . . . The members of Cauliflower Alley Club of Los Angeles, of which former heavyweight contender LOU NOVA is v/p., were in attendance for Hollywood's celebration at the Palladium of fifty years of talkies. NOVA told the story of his first fight in Hollywood — many, many years ago. AL JOLSON and RUBY KEELER were sitting in the front row. In the second round NOVA forced his opponent, BOB NESTELL, against the ropes right above JOLSON and KEELER. RUBY had her legs crossed and looked like Miss America. LOU had his eyes focused on those great legs and completely forgot about his opponent, who suddenly pulled back and hit him the hardest right hand on the chin he had ever been hit!! The next thing NOVA could remember was in the shower when he asked his manager, "who won the fight?" He was told he knocked out NESTELL in the sixth round — he never again looked out of the ring into the audience!! RAY LUNNY JR., father of former Jr. lightweight contender, RAY 3rd, epistles from Redwood City, Calif., that his son, now retired one year from boxing, is in his last quarter of apprentice training and will turn out as a journeyman plumber. Since young RAY retired from the ring game after losing to ALFREDO ESCALERA and his bid for the world title, the fight game has been dead in the Bay Area — there was one show in San Francisco this year. The big draw now in that area is PETE RANZANY, who better learn how to get away from a right hand before he challenges for a world title. Now that veteran boxing promoter — matchmaker — and boxing magazine editor MARK FANNON has announced his return to the ring game after an absence of 20 years, (he is retired from his school teaching job), a lot of the boxing aficionados in De Land, Florida, will be watching for his shows in that area. . . . SEAN O'GRADY, the Okalhoma City battler, continues to amass wins on his dad's shows at the Ramada Inn Central in that area. . . . Veteran fight trainer and teacher LOU GROSS planed to his native Chicago to be on hand for th Italian Boxing Hall of Fame dinner in the Windy City. All the ex-champions of fistiana were on hand . . . . It's a shame that ERNIE TERRELL is not drawing with his shows at the Aragon very well in Chicago. CUS D'AMATO back in boxing with IRISH KEVIN ROONEY but I guess CUS was never out of boxing for any period of time, just looking around for more fistic talent. . . . JOE FRAZIER training and saying if the money is right he can be enticed to return to action. . . . Among the ring notables of yesteryear LEW JENKINS and his wife of thirty years, LUPIE were on hand for the Old Timers dinner in Fresno, Calif., the other night. LEW hit his 61st milestone on December 4.



Muhammad Ali, the greatest?

By DON FRASER

SALDIVAR, PINTOR, BALTAZAR WIN



Vicente Saldivar, Mexico City, coasted to an easy 10 round victory over Vicente Hernandez, Oakland, Cal., in a San Jose fight.

LOS ANGELES — A rather remarkable crowd of 3500 showed up and paid $20-,500 to see world class fighters Lupe Pintor and Bazooka Limon register one-sided knockouts.

Pintor, 120¾, Mexico City, clipped Tony Rocha, 119, Houston, with a hook to the body to end matters midway in the fourth round.

Limon, 131½, logged his ninth successive KO win by smashing Ray Saldiver, 131, Los Angeles, in three rounds. It was a left uppercut that did the damage.

Oscar Muniz, 122½, Los Angeles, punched out game Jorge Altamirano, 125, Mexico, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten.

Other results: Herman (Kid) Montes, 131½, Long Beach, dec. over Tony Sanchez, 132, Stockton, (6); Elojio Bojorquez, 128½, Los Angeles, dec. over Jose Rodriguez, 131½, Mexico, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Abraham Perez, a bright youngster from Mexico City, recovered from a knockdown in the second round to outscore Hector Rivera of Puerto Rico in the 10 round wind-up at the Olympic Auditorium.

Perez dumped the Puerto Rican in the first round with a long left, then went down in the second from a left hook.

Abraham gained command in the third and there was luttle doubt on the outcome. Weights, Perez, 136, Rivera, 136.

In a second 10-rounder, Rene Silva, 127½, Managua, Nicaragua, won a split 10-rounder from Johnny Jensen, 127, Los Angeles.

The scoring was a little weird with referee Marty Denkin going 98-92 for Silva; judge Chuck Hassett went the other way, 97-93 for Jensen. The other judge, Eddie Fiero decided it, 97-95, Silva.

Other results: Valentin Holguin, 127, Los Angeles, dec. over Jesus Ferenandez, 126, Mexico, (4); Rocky Fukimoto, 137½, Tokyo, KO over Ruben Martinez, 136, Los Angeles, (2); Eduardo Plata, 117, East Los Angeles, dec. over Jose Luis Vieyra, 116, Mexico, (5); Jose Villegas, 114½, East Los Angeles, dec. over Jesus Contreras, 114½, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Young Frankie Baltazar Jr., didn't get much of a chance to practice his trade during his scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Baltazar, 133, Los Angeles, took care of well traveled Jorge Ramos, 132, Buenos Aires, at 2:59 of the first round.

The 21-year-old lefty dropped Ramos with a snappy left hook. Ramos took an eight count, then was quickly down again from another left and referee Rudy Jordan counted him out.

Frankie upped his record to 10-1-1.

In a second 10-rounder, Freddie Washington, 150, Los Angeles, went the distance in earning a unanimous decision over Tony Adame, 154½, East Los Angeles.

Other results: Spud Murphy, 126, San Diego, KO over Jose Lara, 127, Mexico, (3); James Bella, 148, Los Angeles, KO over Roger Wellis, 150, Los Angeles, (5); Juan Sanchez, 128, Mexico, dec. over Horacio Pintado, 124, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Mexico's Alex Orgel, 126, bounced back from a first round knockdown to capture a unanimous 10 round decision over Julio Lea, 126¼, Los Angeles, at the Olympic.

In a companion feature, slated for ten rounds, Hector Rivera, 135, San Juan, P.R., halted Dave Bernal, 135½, Mexico City, in the seventh round.

Other results: Horazio Pintaro, 129½, Mexico, KO over Jorge Labrada, 128; Los Angeles, (2); Juan Manuel Sanchez, 128¼, Mexico, dec. over Roman Almaguer, 126½, Los Angeles, (4); Howard Jackson, 139, Los Angeles, KO over Candido Acosta, 139, Mexico, (1).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Santiago Hernandez and Oscar Muniz ended up all even after eight rounds of slugging at the Olympic Auditorium.

The scheduled ten was stopped and declared a technical draw. Referee Marty Denkin said an accidental butt caused a cut over Hernandez' right eye.

Up till then, Muniz seemed to enjoy a slight edge. Weights, Hernandez, 122½, Mexico City; Muniz, 120, Monterrey Park.

Other results: Juan Garcia, 115, Los Angeles, dec. over Demetrio Torres, 112½, Mexico, (5); Eduardo Plata, 116½, Los Angeles, dec. over Lorenzo Ramirez, 117, Mexico, (4); Herman Montes, 134½, Long Beach, KO over Simon Gurrola, 134, Mexico, (3); Jose Rodriguez, 132, Los Angeles, and Cosme Milan, 134, Los Angeles, drew (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO** — Ignacio Campos, 133, Mexico, finished with a rush to nab a close 10-rounder from Fidel Fraijo, 136, Los Angeles, at the Coliseum.

The gate was a modest $1,817.

Other results: Gene Miera, 170, San Diego, dec. over Leni Vanisi, 168½, Samoa, (6); Spud Murphy, 128½, San Diego, dec. over Sammy Meza, 130, National City, (6); Bill Matthis, 138, dec. over Eric Bonilla, 138, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SAN JOSE** — Vicente Saldivar, 137, Mexico City, coasted to an easy 10 round decision over Vicente Hernandez, 132, Oakland, at Civic Auditorium.

Hernandez was a late sub for Jose Talamantez, who pulled out because of illness.

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CURRY FUJI

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ing the U.S. in the 1976 Olympics at Montreal. But success turned to failure for Curry when Leonard won the decision in Cincinnati, Ohio. The contest was close enough to warrant a rematch.

Curry and Leonard had it out again in Vermont, Virginia, and, as in the first bout, Leonard (who went on to win the Gold Medal) received the majority decision.

In 1976, Curry lost his last amateur fight to Clinton Jackson (the Olympic Bronze Medal winner) in Miami, Florida. Now, Curry was getting restless fighting as an amateur. His dreams of representing the U.S. in the Olympics was shattered and his desire to turn pro was deepening. During his amatuer career he had sparred with professionals like Johnny Copeland, Roy Barrientos and Tommy Van Hatten, "always giving more then he took." Curry had also compiled a fine amateur record of 95 wins, 10 losses and scored 31 knockouts.

So Curry packed his bags, left Texas and went out to Los Angeles where he would begin his career as a pro. "I use to read in Ring magazine about the success of Monroe Brooks, Danny Lopez and Armando Muniz were having in California," said Curry. "And since I didn't have any pro connections in Texas, I thought it best to turn pro in a state where I could make it big."

West Coast fight manager and trainer Henry Davis took Curry into his stable. There, along with highly ranked junior welterweight contender Monroe Brooks, Curry started his climb up the pro ranks.

Curry's professional debut began at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium where he won a five round decision over Bruce Henderson. Curry followed this win by flattening Willie Hearnes in one, decisioning Kid Dynamita in six, knocking out Chris Gonzales in one and Clarence Howard in three.

Suddenly Curry found himself inactive. Word was out that Curry was "good" and this made it hard for Davis to get fights for him.

One day in 1977 while Curry was sparring at the Hanover Street Gym, Jesse Reid dropped in to scout some new talent. Reid immediately noticed Curry's potential and offered to buy his contract. Since Reid has many national and international boxing connections, he soon had Curry fighting again.

In Las Vegas, Curry won an easy decision over Freddie Washington, then entered his first main event and pummelled James Jackson (the only man to defeat top ranked Pete Ranzany) for a ten round win.

Then Curry entered the World Television Championships, which was a syndicated TV series, and decisioned the much more experienced Rafael Rodriguez over eleven rounds of a scheduled ten rounder. When the officials called the fight even after ten, Curry and Rodriguez had to go an extra round to determine a winner.

Now Reid and Curry packed their bags and headed for Japan where Curry would face world ranked Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama in the future. "I was putting Curry in tough matches because I wanted to see what he was made of," explained Reid.

Curry looked so impressive in training that Japan's Misaka Promotions, incorporated with Fugi TV, began sponsoring him. This encouraged Curry to drop his first name, Bruce, and adopt Fugi as his last. Curry Fugi then became very active. In ten days he fought three main events. Buffalo Suzuki was the first to fall under Curry's fists. Then in Monte Carlo, on the Cuello-Burnett WBC light-heavyweight title fight, Curry scored a shutout over Antonio Merlow. The fans loved Curry so much that he was invited back to fight on the card for the Carlos Monzon-Rodrigo Valdes middleweight title rematch. Five days later. Curry knocked out tough Philippino Rudy Barro after having him down four times.

"I like to keep Curry busy," said Reid. "The more Curry fights, the better he gets."

Reid, a former boxer out of the Jackie McCoy stable, knows how to handle young talent. As an amateur, he won 87 of 92 bouts and captured the 1968 AAU middleweight title, 1968 all-military middleweight title, 1968-69 North Western and West Coast Golden Gloves championship. As a pro, Reid won 11 of 13 fights but had his career cut short when he found more opportunity in managing and training.

"When I first got Curry he was more of a puncher than a boxer," says Reid. "But after working with him, he's now become a boxer-puncher. He can now do it all — slip, parry, throw great combinations and put his full weight behind his punches.

The 5-foot-8, 140 pound Curry has big ambitions as a pro. "I want to go down in history as the greatest pound-for-pound boxer who ever lived," he says. "I want people to recognize me as a better boxer then Sugar Ray Robinso and Jose Napoles."

As a fighter, Curry Fugi is devastating when he mixes with a man toe-to-toe. When his opponent chooses to run and hide, Curry can be a "mechanic" in the ring as he uses skill, power and speed to chop down and render an opponent helpless before sending him into the slumber land.

A diligent worker in the gym, Curry puts in between three and four hours a day going through the essential routine that will further develop his natural ability. Curry has sparred many rounds with Monroe Brooks, Andy (Hawk) Price and WBC welterweight champ, Carlos Palomino.

Curry plans to stay in boxing for ten years, then retire and buy property and apartments with the money he's earned in the ring. Since coming out to Los Angeles in the middle of '76, Curry has taken a particular liking to the area and plans on making it his home.

MCNEECE CLAN

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which he did, via a decision.

The fatherly aspirations were for success, naturally. But while O'Grady 'talked' about his son being on the brink of a title bout, McNeece was more reserved in his estimation of 18-year-old Tommy.

"He's young yet," the elder McNeece said. "You know, the Irish mature late. I've got to be careful so that he's not overmatched until he has his full strength. He's a 172-pounder and he's slender. But he'll fill out. "I've always tried to instill one thought into the minds of all of my boys. (Jimmy, 17, is a former featherweight Golden Glove champion and Billy, 20, now in the Marine Corps, was also a Golden Gloves fighter) "I don't want them to prove how tough they are. I want them to prove how smart they are."

The elder McNeece, who owns a private sanitation business in Oakdale, N.Y., was himself a Golden Glover. He won the welterweight championship in 1948.

Like their daddy, all of the McNeece kids are athletically inclined. While at Central Islip High School, the elder McNeece played varsity soccer, basketball, baseball and football.

Now retired from the ring for close to 21 years, Bill was a crowd-pleasing puncher in the busy middleweight division. While he never got a shot at the title, McNeece was one of the toughest and hardest fighting gladiators through the Fifties. He exchanged punches with the likes of Ralph "Tiger" Jones, Paddy Young, Bobby Dykes, Tommy Harrison, Billy Kilgore, Jackie LaBua, Tony Johnson and many others in the active and rugged middleweight division. He was one of the top attractions at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn, N.Y., which became known as the "House of Upsets." The elder McNeece loved to fight (he went out of his division many times to fight heavier guys), he was a rugged, free punching battler who can't recall a soft ring touch. He was managed by Irving Cohen.

"Anytime you get hit on the chin, you're in a tough fight," McNeece reminds. "While I didn't knock down any buildings with one punch, I think a lot of the guys I fought knew they were in a fight."

McNeece quit the ring in 1947 after he totaled a car in an auto accident and was seriously hurt. It put Billy on the shelf for four months and curtailed his hopes of a boxing career.

All of his eligible sons—Tommy, Jimmy and Billy—have pursued the sport on an amateur basis. They competed well in Golden Gloves competition and traveled through most of the United States in amateur bouts with dear old dad making every trip. John, now 14, is anxious to get going in the amateur ranks.

"Funny thing," Billy said, "I never 'pushed' anyone of my boys to take up boxing. They all went through the sports programs at Connetquot High School the same as I did, basketball, baseball, soccer and football. They had a keen spectator interest in boxing and attended many shows with me.

"When they decided they wanted to participate in the ring, I consented because I believe boxing is good for any growing kid. It uses up their energy and teaches them discipline. I'd rather have a smell of linament from ring workouts in my house than the smell of kids who are smoking pot," the elder McNeece concluded.

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Tommy, the first to follow his dad's footsteps into the pro ranks, could well make a name for himself in the light heavyweight ranks. There is a lot of work ahead, and he's willing to make the necessary sacrifices that comes with training a young fighter.

He generated a few sparks among the Garden fans when he knocked Al Ware down in the first and fourth rounds to win the decision. He was unfortunate in a sense, because a head collision opened a cut over his eye which required 10 stitches. It put him out of action (Commission regulations) for 30 days, but he's back training in the Gramercy Gym again under the direction of Jimmy Glenn. The latter's comment after the Ware fight as to the future of Tommy as a light heavyweight was: "The boy is going to be O.K. He won't be idle. There have been calls from California, New Jersey and Boston for his services."

While Tommy is the first McNeece offspring to go professional, Jimmy, a former Golden Gloves featherweight champ, is waiting in the wings and probably will be performing on the big time next season.

Meanwhile, Billy Jr. is anxious to get on the boxing team of the U.S. Marine Corps. He had four knockouts in Golden Gloves competition and should be accepted.

John, the youngest boy, can't wait to get a chance to box as an amateur.

The McNeece family live in Oakdale on Long Island. The only non-combatants in the McNeece clan is Billy's pretty wife, Maureen, and their 10-year-old daughter, who also answers to the name of Maureen.

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Green Has Rough Going With Andy Price

Welterweight Dave "Boy" Green, Britain, seen on the receiving end of a left by Mario Guiloti, barely won a nod over Andy Price, U.S.A., in their London fight.

THREE MONTHS ago Dave Green, Chatteris, 147, was kayoed in his bid to wrest the world welter crown from Carlos Palomino. Now he is determined to fight his way back to another title shot, and American Andy Price, 147, was chosen to be the first opponent in his build-up campaign.

The selection of such an opponent is always difficult. A boxer has to be chosen who would put up a good fight and bring the best out of Green, with the knowledge that barring accidents Green could be expected to win.

This is in fact exactly what happened, but Price put up too good a fight, and the margin between them at the end was just one point in Dave's favour, 96-95, after ten tough rounds.

With Green almost every fight is a "war," and it has been alleged that he takes more punches than he should. Certainly at the end of this one Green could hardly see out of his left eye. There was a swelling and a cut underneath, whereas Price was comparatively unmarked.

The fact that there were no knockdowns was not so much due to lack of punching ability on both sides, but rather to the superb physical condition and courage of the boxers. It was toe-to-toe for much of the time, and the fans had their money's worth.

With victories over both the WBC and WBA champions, Price needed no build-up, and he produced a fine brand of boxing and ringcraft.

Against this, Green could only stick to his usual style of punching away with both hands, coming forward persistently with the idea of wearing his man down. In the end both were worn down and near exhaustion.

Price started like a world-beater, getting through with jabs and hooks, switching to uppercuts as his opponent walked in head down, and generally outboxing Green.

This continued for two rounds until Dave found his range and started to score to the body. He looked good in the third, but in the following session was cut on the left cheek.

This Price into action, and he finished that round with some clever combination punching that boded ill for his opponent.

For reasons known only to himself, Price was content to let Green do the work in the fifth and sixth, and the latter was only too willing to oblige, banging away to the body with both hands. Price looked distinctly unhappy, and early in the seventh it seemed that at last Green's persistent aggression had weakened the American, but back he came to trade blow for blow with the fans cheering loudly.

The question now was whether Dave could keep up this tremendous pace, and although he was still doing well, he was having to put a lot more effort into his work now. The eye injury had worsened, and this was when Price forsook defense for all-out attack.

The ninth was Dave's worst round. Price came at him with every punch in the book, and all he coulkd do was stand there and take it and do his best to hang on until the end of the session. This he did, and even before the bell ended the round he was again fighting back, showing pluck and determination of a high order.

This was Price's swan-song. He had given everything he had and it wasn't enough. Green was still there, and won the final round on sheet guts.

Price's trainer, Walter Tyler, disputed the verdict, as one might expect. But it seemed fair, if narrow. Everything hinged on whether Dave could survive that ninth round, and having done so, he was home and dry.

So a good start to the build-up, but let's hope Dave doesn't have to fight his heart out every time. Even a heart can't last forever when overworked.

European light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope, 154, beat American Tony Lopes, 151, the referre intervening early in the sixth after Lopes had taken a dozen punches without reply.

It was Hope's first bout for five months, and although Lopes proved an awkward customer, who concentrated on self-preservation, especially in the last couple of rounds, Maurice wore him down effectively.

At the end of the fifth the referee went across to Lopes' corner to check on his condition, but his mentors still sent him out for the next session.

They could have saved him the extra punishment, for just after the start Lopes was helpless and the bout was stopped.

British middleweight champion Kevin Finnegan, 160¾, outpointed American Karl Vinson, 158½, over ten by 98-94.

Finnegan wisely kept it at long range against a tough and agressive opponent, and gave a smooth display of boxing, jabbing neatly and using the ring well.

In the seventh Finnegan was cut over the left eye, but didn't let it borher him.

American Dale Arrington, 205¼, caused a sensation by knocking out the previous unbeaten John J. Gardner, in 2 min. 20 sec. of the first round.

Arrington slapped away merrily, was twice warned to close his glove, and his first legitimate blow was a long right swing that landed on Gardner's head and put him down for the full count.

Gardner had previously gone 24 fights without defeat. That's the fight game.

Substitute Des Gwilliam, 134¾, beat Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 134¾, the bout being stopped in the sixth when Boza was cut on the left eyebrow. The wound required six stitches.

Boza opened well, boxing cooly and sometimes switching from ksouthpaw to orthodox. His short hooks from both hands were particularly effective.

But Gwilliam too had his good moments, countering well at times, and gaining encouragement from his opponent's eye injury. He was putting up a good scrap, and it was a pity the bout had to end in an inconclusive manner.

It was Boza's first defeat after nine successive victories, and all his fights have ended inside schedule.

Debutant Stan McDermott, Basildon, 215¼, had to be satisfied with a six rounds draw against Clive Beardsley, Swadlincote, 204. McDermott chased hard enough, but often his timing was poor, and Beardsley got home with some good counterpunches on the retreat. Towards the end Beardsley tired, but McDermott still couldn't find his target.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Rab Affleck, Garnock, 174, brought off the first major shock of the new season by beating British light-heavyweight contender Phil Martin, Manchester, 174½, the bout being stopped in the third after Martin had been decked in the second.

This was an important victory for Affleck, especially as both men were under the light-heavyweight limit.

Martin was afterwards reported as suffering from gastro-enteritis, which could have contributed towards his listlessness and general loss of form.

Affleck had not trouble at all. There was little opposition from Martin, and the latter was in difficulties in the first round, with an exchange right on the bell that brought a silent rebuke from Affleck at a Martin left hand which Rab obviously thought was low.

The pattern was the same in the second.

At the end of the round the referee took a close look at Martin, but the latter was allowed to come up for the next round. He was now bleeding from the nose and mouth, and as he tried frantically to stem the tide the bout was stopped, after 45 seconds.

Affleck has now lost two of his 15 bouts, and Martin three out of 14 contests.

Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 144, outpointed Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 142½, over eight by 78-77.

A deserved victory for Pincham, who is Southern Area welter champ, and who worked hard throughout.

Greg Evans, Liverpool, 170, beat Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 176, the referee intervening in the third with Fenton on one knee. A good fight, blows being freely exchanged, with Evans the harder puncher.

Steve Cammell, Highgate, 171, beat Len Brittain, Doncaster, the bout being stopped in the fourth with the latter wobbly. **▲Hove Town Hall** — Mick Minter, Crawley, 153¼, outpointed Colin Ward, Northampton, 154½, over eight by 78-75, but the latter's supporters were adamant that Ward deserved at least a draw for his efforts.

Minter bustled his way through, but the cleaner punching seemed to come from Ward, who was at his best in the early stages.

Allowing for the fact that the referee is nearest the action, the scoreline certainly seemed a lot closer than the figures showed.

A return seems the obvious solution.

Cookie Rooms, Streatham, 142½, easily outpointed substitute Martin Bridges, 145½, over six by 60-55, not losing a round.

Clint Jones, Crawley, 168¼, avenged a previous defeat by beating Paul Bussette, Willesden, 170½, the points margin being 59-56 over six.

Bussette was decked in the final round and tired at the bell.

Debutant Salvo Nuciforo, described as a Cornish-Italian, 155¾, beat Viv Jackson, 153¼, the bout being stopped in the fourth, with Jackson down briefly in the opening session and shaky at the finish.

Johnny Beaumont, Portsmouth, 144½, outpointed George Daines, Doncaster, 148¾, over four by 39-38.

Billy Warner, 189¼, and Bob Young, 190¾, drew over six in the last bout of the night, but not many were prompted to stay and watch.

▲Liverpool Stadium — American Bruce Grandham, 206, beat Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 205¾, the bout being stopped in the fifth after Simpkin had been decked.

Wrestling more than boxing was a feature of the first round, and the fans voiced their disappproval.

In the fifth Grandham put his man on the canvas with that lethal left, and on rising Simpkin delivered his one good punch of the "fight," a right hand that seemed to shake the American momentarily.

However, Grandham was soon back on the attack again, and down went Simpkin on his face. He rose at eight, but had a lump under the right eye, and the referee intervened.

Debutant Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 156, beat Joe Hannaford, Bootle, 156, the bout being stopped in the fourth. There had been no knockdowns, and Hanaford bitterly protested that he was able to continue.

In the fourth Davies was able to get home with three punches in a row, right-left-right. Hannaford staggered, whereupon the referee intervened.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 162, only 18 years old, impressed in outpointing Joe Lally, Liverpool, 157½, over eight by 77-76.

In a dull contest Dave Davies, Bangor, 155, outscored Jim Moore, Bradford, 156½, by 80-74 over eight, not losing a round. Not until the two final sessions was there any positive action, then Davies sprang in with hard punches from both hands, and Moore was glad to hang on.

Dave Farrell, Birkenhead, 145, outpointed Kevin Bedoe, Kirkby, over six by 58-57. A fine crowd-pleaser.

Chris Glover, Netherton, 143, outpointed Dave Taylor, Bootle, 141, by 80 .74 over eight, not losing a round. Glover was superior in all phases.

▲Cambridge Guildhall — Des Morrison, Bedford, 141, beat Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140, the referee intervening after 2 min. 50 sec. of the first round after McAllister had been decked.

Nobbins were thrown in after Tony Zeni, Highgate, 132¼, had outpointed John Daly, Northampton, 132¾, over six by 59-56. It looked closer than the scoreline indicated, and was a real thriller.

Steve Hopkins, Ely, made a fine debut by comfortably outpointing Eric Purkis, Battersea, 146, over six by 60-55, not losing a round. Hopkins is the brother-in-law of Dave "Boy" Green, both coming from the Andy Smith stable.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 138½, outscored Peter Snowsall, Burnt Oak, by 59-58 over six. Both were having their first bout, and showed promise.

▲Top Rank Suite, Sheffield — Mick Mills, Rotherham, 151, made it seven in a row (six inside schedule) by beating Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 155, who retired at the end of the fourth with his right eye practically closed. Mills carries a heavy dig.

Earl Noel, Walworth, 144, reversed a previous defeat by beating Mick Barker, Portsmouth, 145, the referee intervening in the fourth after Barker had been decked. Noel's right hand did the trick.

John Kelly, Rotherham, 138, outscored Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 142, over six by 58-57. Kelly was ahead after three, but Beauchamp's rally must have made it close.

Inactive for a year, Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 146, outpointed Bertie Green, Birmingham, 149, over six by 59-57.

Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 180, had to fight hard to beat Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 176, but always looked as if he would get the verdict. Scoreline 78-77 over six. Benoit's sixth win in eight bouts.

▲York Hall, London — Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 172½, won the vacant Southern Area light-heavyweight title by knocking out Bob Pollard, Edmonton, 174½, in the fifth of a scheduled ten.

When they met nine months earlier over six rounds the result was a draw. Waldron thus kept his unbeaten record.

The Popular boxer looked in charge right from the first bell, his accurate ten jabs and hooks landing repeatedly on his opponent's head and body. Pollard's best work came at close-quarters.

In the third Pollard had two cuts by his left eye, and by the fifth Waldron was in complete control, dominating the exchanges but with no apparent sign of an early finish.

Then as Pollard came off the ropes he was caught with a hard right hand to the chin, and that was that.

Another boxer to keep his unbeaten record was Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 121¾, who had to settle for a points victory after having Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, in dire trouble in the first round.

Scoreline was 79-74 over eight, and the fans threw in nobbins.

Devanney boxed cautiously after his yearly set-back, and even took the fight to his opponent in the fourth, only to be decked briefly in the fifth from a left hook.

Nobbins were thrown in again after Keith Bussey, 162, had outpointed Tim McHugh, 156, over eight by 79-77. Bussey had a particularly good second round, but McHugh had his moments, and impressed the fans by clever footwork.

Continuing the sage of unbeaten records, Joe Griffin, Dartford, 162½, also retained his by beating Tony Bennett, Cardiff, 167, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fight.

Southpaw Griffin jabbed neatly with his right, and Burnett's policy of aggression was not working out. He did get home with a few hooks, but in the main Griffin was on top, and when Burnett was cut on the cheek in the fifth he was retired at the end of the session.

Billy English, Rosehill, 150¾, made a good debut by outpointing Jim Moore, Bradford, over six by 59-55. Vfheran of 59 fights, moore's experience was not enough against the enthusiastic newcomer, who boxed competently to take a comfortable verdict.

Another successful debutant, Steve Lewin, Streatham, 160½, beat Mohammed Akram, Bredford, 162¾, the bout being stopped in the second when Akram was shipping punishment.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Mick Mills, Islington, 149, beat Rocky Butler, Pinner, 144, the referee intervening in the second round after Butler had been floored.

Chris Benoit, Islington, 178½, had an overwhelming 80-71 points win against Johnny Cox, Northampton, 179, over eight, winning every round.

Carl Kanwell, Stoke Newington, 171, outscored Wally Barnes, Highbury, 172, over six by 59-57. Barnes was down in the second.

Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 137, outpointed Steve Ward, Derby, 138, by 60-57, over six, not losing a round.

▲Wolverhampton Civic Hall — Victor Attivor, Clapham, 178, outpointed former British light-heavyweight champion Tim Wood, Leicester, 179½, over eight by 78-75.

Both wanted to have a go, but when they did throw punches their timing was off. Attivor was the first to settle down into a rhythm, and counterpunched well as Wood came forward.

Pat Cowdell, Warley, 125, beat Paul Varden, Nuneaton, 124, the latter being retired by his corner at the end of the fifth. He had come in as a late substitute, but was out of his depth.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 124, beat Don Aageson, Birmingham, 119, the referee intervening in the second with the latter taking punishment on the ropes.

Micky Durkin, Bradford, 143, outpointed Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 141, over six by 59-57. Durkin dominated the secone half of the fight after a good start by Allen.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138, reversed a previous defeat by outpointing Godfrey Butler, Birmingham, 134, by 78-75. Last time they met Butler won in the opening round, but on this occasion Varden put in a strong finish to clinch the verdict.

Doug Ralston, Leicester, 165, gained an eight-rounds points win against Steve Walker, Birmingham, 164, scoreline 79-74. Ralston won this one clearly, and survived a last-round shock, when he was cut over the left eye.

Dennis Price, Wolverhampton, 152, outscored George Daines, Bradford 149, by 40-36 over four.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Former British heavyweight champion Danny McAlinden, 199½, has made one or two comebacks after announcing his retirement, but this time he says it's for real.

Danny went down in three rounds to Neil Malpass, Elmsall, 124, who was taking part in only his tenth fight, having lost the first and won the other nine, eight inside schedule.

To say that McAlinden couldn't put it together was an understatement. He was never in the fight, his timing was off, and he was twice down — once from a push in the opening session and again in the third, when he was permitted to box on for only a few more seconds before the referee intervened.

After two years inactivity, Les Stevens, 192½, outpointed Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 216½, over eight by 79-76. Stevens took a little while to get his timing right, and improved as the fight progressed, but O'Connor was guilty of holding on frequent occasions, and it wasn't a great fight to watch.

Austin Okoye, Streatham, 200½, outscored Cliff Beardsley, Melbourne, 205½, by 59-58 over six. Okoye was the more accurate of the two. Both were making their pro debuts.

Bob Young, Croydon, 188½, outpointed Billy Warner, Brighton, 191½, over six by 59-58. A grimly-fought bout, and little in it at any time. A well-matched pair, for their previous contest was a draw.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Eddie Burke, 162, made it nine in a row by outpointing Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 162, over eight by 79-76.

Burke had things much his own way throughout. McKenzie was down twice, but he was a durable individual and was still having a go in the final round, when he was decked by a left hand, and up at seven.

Lee Graham, Enfield, 128¾, kayoed Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 128½, with a right to the jaw in the opening session.

Former British amateur light-middleweight champion Billy Lauder Bonnyrigg, 155½, made a promising debut by outpointing Dave Merrell, Leeds, 157, by 60-56 over six.

Lauder didn't lose a round, and had his man down in the first session.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Tony Moore, Hendon, 198½, outpointed Kris Smith, 234, over eight by 77-76. Close enough, and the Smith camp thought their man deserved a draw.

Smith impressed early on, and looked to have Tony going, but apart from a brief visit to the canvas in the fourth (there was no count) Moore didn't look in serious trouble, and impressed in the latter half of the fight.

Smith forced it almost throughout, but repeatedly walked into trouble from Moore's crisp counterpunching although the latter was warned for hitting with the open glove in the fifth.

Dave Smith, Eltham, 114¼, outpointed southpaw Bryn Griffiths, Rhondda, 113¼, over eight by 79-75. Nice to see a couple of genuine flyweights in action, and the scoreline looked closer than it suggests.

Johnny Gwilliam, Birmingham, 136, outscored Mick O'Mara, Clerkenwell, 138¼, over six by 59-57. Johnny put in a strong finish, and his jabbing was impressive.

Des (brother of Johnny) Gwilliam, Birmingham, 136½, was held to a draw by Barry Price, Crawley, 136, scoreline being 77 each after eight rounds.

Dave Cammiss, 161, was awarded a four-rounds points win over Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 163,by 39-38. Many ringsiders did not agree with this verdict.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Johnny Owen, Merthyr Tydfil, outpointed George Sutton, Cardiff, over eight by 79-73, an appreciable margin. It was Owen's victory over Sutton.

Owen is the unbeaten Welsh bantam champ, and is awaiting a shot at Paddy Maguire's British crown. This was a non-title affair, both scaling inside 122.

Debutant Mohammed Younis, Walsall, 118½, beat Ian Murray, Manchester 117½, the bout being stopped in the third after Murray had been down four times.

Chris Glover, Liverpool, 142, defeated Hugh Smith, Chapel Hall, 142½, the referee intervening in the third when Smith was cut over the right eye.

Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 146, beat Al Stewart, Ormskirk, the bout being stopped at the end of the seventh with Stewart shipping punishment. Stewart was decked in the fourth.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 166, stopped John Breen, BELFAST, 162, the referee intervening as the bell ended the opening round. Breen had been down for nine.

▲Hamilton Clu b, Birienhead — It was the first show at this town for 30 years, and a full house was just reward for former boxer Gordon McAteer and Bob Kendall, the promoters.

Dave Davies, Bangor, 157, gained a comfortable points win over Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 153½, scoreline 78-75 after eight.

Debutant Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 136½, outpointed Eric Wood Doncaster, 135½, over six by the narrow margin of 58-57. Carroll looked more useful than the scoreline suggested.

Another debutant, Jimmy Cooke, Bootle, 138½ (younger brother of former British welter champ Johnny Cooke), could only manage a draw over six, against Marty Jacobs, Kirkby, 137.

Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 164½, gained a six-rounds points win against Russ Shaw, Oldham, 151¾, by 59-55. Shaw was down in the second, but up immediately, and down again in the fourth.

Jimmy Bott, Widnes, 118, beat Trevor Bromby, Bradford, 120½, the referee intervening in the fourth when Bromby was well behind.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Winston Cousins, Manchester, 177, outscored Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 178, over eight by 78-76.

Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 177, maintained his hundred per cent record by knocking out ringwise George Gray, Aberdeen, 177¾, in three. Gray had already been down in that round.

Mick Bell, leicester, 137, stopped Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138, the referee intervening in the fourth after Ian had been down twice.

Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, outpointed Roysie Francis, Manchester, 149, over eight by 79-75 in an uninteresting contest.

▲National Sporting Club, London — In their fourth meeting Tommy Davitt, Dublin, 139½, outpointed Barry Price, Crawley, 138½, over six by 59-57.

Joe Oke, Ghana, 154¼, beat Jim Moore, Bradford, 153½, the bout being stopped in the sixth after Moore had been down for nine. The timing of both boxers was off.

Vernon Scott, 173½, defeated Eddie Vierling, Southampton, the referee intervening just seconds before the end of their six-rounder after Vierling had been decked.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (e)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. George Cnuvolo (C)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
5. John L. Gardner (E)
6. Isaac Hussien (E)
7. Tony Moore (J)
8. Ngosiko Ekwelum (N)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

Welterweight

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
5. Steve Dennis (A)
6. Achille Mitchell (E)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Kevin White (E)
10. Kirkland Laing (J)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Victor Attivor (G)
4. Phil Martin (E)
5. Tim Wood (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Ernie Barr (Bah)
8. Al Korovou (A)
7. Joe Vella (A)
10. Mustapha Walasaja (Ug)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Colin Powers (E)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Chris Walker (E)
7. Chris Davies (W)
8. Jeff Malcolm (A)
9. Clinton McKenzie (E)
10. Binky Reminski (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Johnny Owen (W)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. George Sutton (W)
7. John Kellie (S)
8. Gary Davidson (E)
9. David Austin (A)
10. John Hipwell (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
5. Julius Luipa (Zam)
6. Frankie Lucas (St. Vincent)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Gerard Bouchard (C)
9. Viti Patterson (NZ)
10. Kevin Odus (N)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy)
1. Jonathan Dele (N)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Barry Michael (A)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Billy Mulholland (A)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Claude Noel (Tr)
9. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Ug)
10. Tommy Dunn (E)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Steve Bell (A)
2. Charlie Brown (A)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Neil McLaughlin (I)
5. Sam Eke (N)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Antigua)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. John Layton (A)
6. Neil Pattel (A)
7. Sammy Barr (Bah)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Pat Thomas (J)
10. Tony Hudson (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Dave Needham (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Jackie McGill (S)
8. Jeff Pritchard (W)
9. Bingo Crooks (J)
10. Mark Bliss (E)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.

READ THE RING

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Koranicki and Fili Maola Drew, 10
Wendall Bailey beat Johnny Gause, 8
Charlie "Emperor" Narris halted Ira Martin, 3
Billy Aird stopped Gilberto Acuna, 6
Bruce Grandham knocked out Francio Carmona, 4
Rochelle Norris beat Matt Robinson, 6
Steve Asher halted Charlie Price, 3
Christy Costanza beat David Horne, 4
Roberto Echol and Elton Armstrong Drew, 6
John Tate beat Eddie Lopez, 6
Robbie and Elliott Bryant (No Relation) Drew, 1
Technical Draw based on a cut eye)
Randy Kirland whipped Carl Ivy, 4
Al Banks stopped Paul Ray Storie, 6
Victor Rodriguez beat Abel Esquivel via KO, 1
William Kissman stopped Roberto Reynosa, 3
Juan DeLaGarza stopped Jesus Sanchez, 3, then Drew with Vernon Johnson, 6
Elmo Henderon stopped Elmo Vargas, 6
Fernando Montez whipped Lee Donatto, 10
Joe Velmure beat Richard Harding, 4
Walter Moore won over Verbie Garlajd, 10
Grady Daniels won over Robert Reynoza, 10
Ron Burton beat Henry Lumpkin, 4
Wilson Williams lost to John Adams, 4
Walter Moore beat Charlie Johnson, 10
Harry Terrell won over Bob Yarborough, 6
Herbert McIntosh stopped John Knight, 2, then beat Pete Knight, 4
Vic Van Fleet whipped Bob Patterson, 6
Kallie Knoetze stopped Richard Dunn in 5
Alfredo Evangelista knocked out Lucien Rodriguez, 11
(Won European Heavyweight Championship)
Jean Pierre Coopman beat Kurt Ludecke, 10
Rudy Gauwe stopped Horst Lang, 4
Alfio Righetti halted Dennis Jordan, 6
Neil Malpass kayoed Danny McAlinden, 3
(McAlinden announced his retirement after bout)
Ibar Arrington stopped John L. Gardner, 1
Vic Van Fleet beat Travis Pickering, 6
Joe Balla was stopped by K.O. Hannon, 2
Mike Kolivosky whipped James Johnson, 6
Mike Weaver halted Dave Martinez, 1

LIGHTHEAVIES

Vonzell Johnson kayoed Ron Wilson, 10
Eddie Gregory halted Eddie Phillips, 4
Ramon Ranquello knocked out Bobby O'Brien, 1
Louis Pergaud stopped Tom Bethea, 6
(KO via cuts)
Michael Spinks knocked out Ray Elson, 1
Leni Vanisi beat Gene Miera, 6
Matty Ross stopped Jimmy Roberson, 8
Clyde Mudget beat Lucky Patterson, 4, then lost to Risto Bekovich, 6
Alfonso Aguirre beat Ponce Ortiz, 6
Tony Fritz beat Julius Noble, 6
David Bradley whipped Hank Gregory, 8
Marvin Johnson halted Johnny Fields, 1
Pete Knight halted Dan Ravada, 1
Mike Kettleson beat Russ Daily, 4
Victor Galindez whipped Alvaro Lopez, 15
(Retained WBA Lightheavyweight Title)
Rab Afleck stopped Phil Martin, 3
Alfio Traversaro whipped Juno Albers, 8
Karl Vinson beat Kevin Finnegan, 10
Dave Brown was stopped by Randy Bailey, 2

MIDDLWEIGHTS

James Salerno beat Babe Clark, 8
Ray Seales beat Mike Hallacy, 10, then beat Eddie Davis by knockout, 6
Leo Saenz whipped Jimmy Savage, 10
Marvin Hagler beat Jim Henry, 10
Mike Colbert kayoed Joe Gonzalves, 6
Irish Ted Mann stopped Jesse Goodmond, 4
Steve Moyer and Bobby Howard Drew, 6
Gil Rosario lost to Mike Astifire, 6
Benny Perez beat Rocky Cosmo, 4
August Peters stopped Cornell Thomas, 1
Lester Davis whipped Ray Dourdain, 6
Mike Wyant knocked out Walter Williams, 1, then halts Tommy Sacco, 3
Richard Abbot stopped Ramon De La 0 (Caneles) 3
George Cooper and Rudy Robles, Drew 12
Erwin Williams halted Renato Garcia, 8
Dennis Haggerty stopped Roberto Perry, 1, then stopped by Tony McMinn, 2
George Cooper beat Norris McKinney, 4
Ignacio Lopez stopped Robert Perry, 6
Willie Warren whipped Darly Brumley, 10
Al Clay beat Mike Hallacy, 10
Lloyd Richardson beat Jamie Thomas, 8
Gary Alexander and Frankie Williams, Drew 6
Gary Coates whipped Jimmy Claar, 6
James Leftwich stopped Larry Perdue, 4
Rodney Cupe won over Pete Henry 4
Ronnie Harris stopped Clif Wils, 10
(KO via eye cut)
Ralph Moncrief won over Ernie Singletary, 10
James Parks beat Johnny Heard, 10
Dennis Horne beat Dennis Smedley, 4
Ronnie Bailey stopped Buff Gilliam, 4
Jose Peterson halted Tony Dowling, 6
Rocky Mathews stopped Melvin Young, 3
Dennis Haggerty knocked out Simmie Black, 5
Tony McMinn beat Troy Vaughn; 6
Gratien Tonna stopped Alan Minter, 8
(Won European Middleweight Title) (KO via eye cut)
Masahshi Kudo stopped Peter Naboku, 9
(Retained Japanese Middleweight Title)
Rudy Robles stopped Mario Luna, 3

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT

Joey Vincent stopped Tony Gardner, 7
Mad Dog Ross kayoed Joey Vincent, 10
Eddie Gazo defeated Kenji Shibata, 15
(REtained wba Jr. Middleweight Title)
Roy Hollis and Marvin Sanders, Drew, 6
Leo Oliver was halted by Victor Martinez, 1
Billy Miller, beat Ray Sepulveda, 6
Steve Coupe stopped Jose Rodriguez, 1
Steve Gregory stopped Ron Bosley, 7
Mike Wyant stopped Willue Waters, 1
Ayub Kalule won over Rudy Robles, 10, then stopped Alvin Anderson, 9
Robbie Davies halted Joe Hannagord, 4
Jorgen Hansen whipped Tony Hudson, 8
Mick Minter defeated Colin Ward, 8
Joseph Nzubuga kayoed Per Mullertz, 3
Maurice Hope stopped Tony Lopes, 6

WELTERWEIGHT

Curtis Lewis whipped Miguel Angel DeLaMora, 8
Dave Green whipped Andy Price, 10
Alex Porrata beat TNTN Gordon, 10
Domingo Ayala stopped Fighting Hunk, 3
Pete Stewart beat Tyrone Wren, 6
Joe Tiberi beat Elliott Freeman, 6
John Cooper and Ray Davis Drew, 6
Carlos Palomino beat Everaldo Costa Azevedo, 15
(Retained WBC Welterweight Title)
Ken Daley halted Roy Cummings, 3
Clyde Spencer and Phil Reed, Drew, 4
John Williams was stopped by Phillip Reed, 1
Clyde Spencer halted Wendell Helm, 2
Victory Abraham beat Chris Gonzalez, 10
Francisco Leon whipped Horacio Ruiz, 12
(Won Spanish Welterweight Title)
Ronnie Bailey lost to J.J. Johnson, 6

JR. WELTERWEIGHT

Jose Hernandez beat Harvey Arnold, 10
Jimmy Heiair stopped Juan Garcia, 10
Ray Leonard stopped Frankee Santore, 5
Jimy Corkum beat Beau Jaynes, 10, and stopped Jose Ortiz, 4
Nacho Jimenez beat Jose Olivares, 10
Reynaldo Zaragoza halted Ad Zapanta, 5
Howard Jackson kayoed Candido Acosta, 1, then stopped Felipe Morales, 1
Bert Lee knocked out Ronald "T.iny" Turner, 4
Rosendo Ramon beat Fredy Harris, 10
Silvero Martinez whipped Freddie Harris, 10, then was stopped by Tom Pinner, 6
Clancy Morgan stopped Arturo Circles, 3
Roberto Perez beat Baby Perez, 6
Benny Marquez won over Jose Medrano, 6
Greg Netter won over Earl Caldwell, 4
Clinton McKenzie lost to Johnny Pincham, 8
Henry Palm stopped George TMURPIN, 3/6
Jean VanTorre halted Jean Ventourroux, 1
Colin Powers stopped Efisio Pinna, 6

LIGHTWEIGHT

Vicente Saldivar beat Vicente Hernandez, 10, then stopped Jose Talamantez 7
Frankie Baltazar Jr. halted Jorge Ramos, 1
Termite Watkins knocked out Cuyo Mendoza, 3
Hector Rivera stopped Dave Bernal, 7
Forest Winchester stopped Ray Green, 4
James Kanty beat Steve Homan, 6
Claude Noel beat Larry Stanton, 10
Charlie Nash halted by Adoolo Osses, 5
(KO via eye cut)
Jerry Graham stopped Al Hughes, 5
Johnny Sullivan whipped Bkly Wade, 10
Benito Jiminez was stopped by Pee Wee Suarez, 1
Gonzalo Montellano stopped Tiger Noji (Teruyoshi) 5
Candido Acosta halted Jose Montanez, 2
Howard Davis stopped Tury Pineda, 4
Ignacio Campos beat Fidel Fraijo, 10, then stopped Jose Luis Castro, 2
Eric Bonilla was beaten by Bill Matthis, 4, then they Drew, 4
Jose Rodriguez and Cosme Millan, Drew, 6
Tony Aranda defeated Ricardo Flores, 6
Roberto Vasquez stopped Jimmy Martinez, 4
Humberto Gudino knocked out Antonio Barajas, 1
Alejos Rodriguez stopped Mike Torres, 3
Ramon Enriques was stopped by Alfredo Hofling, 1
Larry Brown halted Tony Delgado, 5
Edwardo Vega beat Victor Cid, 6
Porfirio Zamora was stopped by Gilbert Galvan, 8
Ernesto Gonzalez beat Octavio Amparan, 8
Andrew Ganigan stopped Roman Contreras, 2
Jeronimo Lucas whipped Leon Mejias, 12
(Retained Spanish Lightweight Title)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Ruben Castillo beat Miguel Meza, 10
Manuel Jimenez beat Jose Rosa, 10
Leonel Valencia halted Fermin Navarro, 1, then was stopped by Alex Oregel, 2
Alex Oregel beat Julio Leal, 10, then stopped Leonel Valencia, 2
Sean O'Grady stopped Gilberto Lara, 1
Richard Rozelle beat Wardell Williams, 10
Ricky Lane beat Mike Johnson, 6
Jimmy Magnifico beat Roberto Sanchez, 4.
Danny Lopez halted Jose Torres, 7
(Retained WBC Featherweight Title)
Juan Sanchez beat Roman Almaguer, 4
Tom Murphy beat Miguel Ruiz, 6
Terry Allen beat Jesse Fernandez, 5
Tony Aranda stopped Francisco Jasso, 2
Roy Hernandez beat Roberto Quintanilla, 10
Jimmy Lopez whipped Francisco Maldenado, 4
Tauro Hernandez beat Tony Reed, 10
Bobby Sparks won over Cal Slaughter, 4
Sean O'Grady stopped Gilberto Lara, 1
Roberto Castanon halted Cecilio Lastra, 11
(Won Spanish Featherweight Title)
Dave Needham beat Pasquino Morbidelli, 8
Michele Siracusa knocked out Gerard Jacob, 10
(Retained French Featherweight Title)
Manuel Masso stopped Nino Jimenez, 10
(Won European Featherweight Title)
Spider Nemoto beat Shigeyoshi Adachi, 10
(Won vacant Japanese Featherweight Title)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Aurelio Birriel beat Leo Lopez, 10
Freddie Gonzalez nocked out Santos Nunez, 7
Pee Man Jones beat Joel Valdez, 6
Mario Chavez whipped Arturo Ulloa, 6
Oscar Muniz and Santiago Hernandez Drew 10
Eduaro Plata beat Lorenzo Ramirez, 5
Juan Garcia beat Demetrio Torres, 5
Jose Rosendez beat Demetrio Torres, 5
Jose Rosendez beat Daryl Pee Man Jones, 5
Guillermo Ayala stopped Rafael Duran, 7
Gabriel Cantera halted Jose B, Flores, 4
Mike Ayala beat Raul Tirado, 10
Andres Torres was halted by Lupe Pintor, 4
Eduardo Plata beat Lorenzo Ramirez, 4
Alberto Davila kayoed Albert Cabanig, 10
Franco Zurlo stopped Paddy Maguire, 8
(Retained European Bantamweight Title)

FLYWEIGHT

Mario Chavez beat Juan Herrera, 6
Superfly Sandoval stopped Rafale Rubio, 3
Abraham S. Lopez beat Gerardo Heredia, 10
David Ramahlo beat Shorty Sanchez, 8
Joey Olivo stopped Ramon Munoz, 1
Franco Udella beat Antonio Franca, 8
(Non Title bout)
Kenji Kato and Tsutomu Igarashi Drew, 10
(Kato retained Japanese Flyweight Title)

NEWCOMER KO'S VETERAN GALLEGO

By FELIPE J,C. GALANG

San Carlos City: Elmer Arriesgado, 121 stopped Pedro Lipata, 122, in eight rounds in a promotion by Esteban Doctora. The boys were fighting in even terms when in the eighth Elmer caught Pedro with a right to the jaw, which ended the night for Lipata.

▲**San Fernando, Pampanga** — Dony Soriano, 134, beat Joe Almano, 135, in 10 rounds under the promotion of Antonio Esguerra. Almano was aggressive, but Dony was counterpunched well. Joe Lim, 136, beat fred Pastor, 135, in 10. Lim mastered Pastor from the fifth to the last gong. Danny Ronquillo, 135, kayoed Resty Boniquit, 135, in six. Veteran Little Gallego, 134, was kayoed by Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, 133, in four. It was a sad night for Gallego.

▲**Santiago, Isabela** — Romeo Olivetti, 128, badly outpointed Dan Lawyer, 130, in a furious and wild fight. It was promoted by former boxer Oscar Reyes. Dan was a slugger but found Romeo too clever for him all the way.

▲**Zamboagga City** — Al del Rosario, 138, drew with Roldan Jumuad, 137, in 10 rounds under the promotion of Elpidio Camogao. The judges could not come to an agreement because of the closeness of the fight, so the decision was a draw.

▲**Davao City** — James Clavitaz, 134, won over Jimmy Legnar, 135, in 10 rounds. It was a lively bout presented by Agustin Garcia. Ric Dimale, 120, bested San Sacristian, 125, in 10 rounds. Eddie Cajas, 129, outpointed Winnie Guinieta, 129, in 10. Boy Lindez, 108, beat Ireneo Burbano, 110, in 10. WilsonnCastillon, 112, kayoed Bonnie Cajes, 112, in five.

▲**CEbu City** — Noli Galicia, 124, defeated Tito Gonzaga, 147, in 10 rounds under the presentation of Loranzo "Chao" Sy. Cessr Ligaw, 117, drew with Rey Orbino, 117, in 10. George Pedroso, 109, was kayoed by George Nunal, 109, in six rounds.

▲**Davao cel Sur** — Montemayor Jr., 130, defeated Alex Bitong, 131, in 10 rounds on a card promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

▲**Batangas City** — Rocky Gernandizo, 128, stopped Young Frankie, 127, in the seventh round under the promotion of Juan Asa. Rocky made a hit among his Bantangueno fans.

▲**Davao City** — Mario Odias, 117, outpointed Renato Paulino, 116, in 10 rounds under the promotion of Andres Ong. This bout was for the vacant bantamweight championship of the Philippines. Mario became the champion.

▲**Cagayan de Oro City** — Nene Jun, 129, and featherweight champion was defeated by Johnny Sato, 128, in 10 rounds. As the title was no at stake so Nene still holds the crown. It was the promotion of David Tagandong. Julius Gonzaga, 113, was beaten by Franco Torregosa, 112, in 10 by unanimous decision. Geen Orlanes, 114, was defeated by Danilo Inocian, 115, in 10.

▲**Davao del Norte** — Siony Carupo, 107, bested Mario Clarin, 108, in 10 and promoted by Edilberto Arca. Felix Villegas, 121, defeated Flor Tampos, 121, in 10 rounds.

PUNCH LINES

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TOURNEY INVESTIGATION UNFAIR

read with amusement a column that was shown in the September 4 edition of our local newspaper. Decided to wait until I returned from my vacation before giving you my reaction to it.

The article dealt with the end of an investigation into the U.S. Boxing Championships. Isn't it strange how they managed to clear A.B.C., Jim Farley, and Don King for the most part? Yet The Ring was found totally guilty. According to the report The Ring lacks integrity and credibility. What a joke!!!

The Ring is by far the best magazine of its kind. It gets even more ridiculous when you compare The Ring's ratings with those put out by the W.B.A. and W.B.C. And just how long has A.B.C. been in the boxing business? No mention is made of the Farley resignation or the free tickets, etc. he is alleged to have received. In turn the attempts of Don King and A.B.C to control the tourney at the expense of others is ignored. It is questionable if anyone did anything illegal. But my opinion is that A.B.C and Don King were certainly guilty of undue influence and unethical conduct. While I haven't seen the whole report it seems to be a whitewash.

I understand Don King is going to revive the tournament in January. If so is he going to do it with A.B.C.? And after what we've gone through how can we be sure it will run properly. The network and persons mentioned are made to seem sweet, pure and innocent. If anyone believes that I've got some swamp land in Florida to sell them.

I stand with The Ring on this issue even though you weren't perfect. At least you admitted and attempted to correct your errors while the others haven't. I'd love to write articles or cover this area for you sometime.

Douglas R. Hobin
Utica, N.Y.

CLARKE LOOKS SHARP IN KO WIN

By FRED BISHOP

HALIFAX, N.S. — Chris Clarke, 149, Halifax, added Al Romano, 156, North Adams, Mass., to his list of kayo wins as he took out the game visitor at the 2:35 mark of the fifth round. Clarke, the sharpest boxer to show in Halifax in a number of years, hit Romano with a crisp right jab through the first three rounds (Clarke is a southpaw) opening an old cut along Romano's left eye in the second, and then, when not shooting at the eye, blasted the visitor with stinging left hooks. Much to the crowd's delight Romano fought back, his best round being the fifth, but the local finished him off near the end of the round as he connected with a sharp left during a furious mixup. For Clarke it was his ninth straight kayo win plus a kayo win in a Karate - Boxing match.

In another 10 rounder, Trevor Berbick, 210, Halifax, ran his winnings (all by kayo's) to six straight as he stopped veteran Eddie Owans, 188, Springfield, Mass., near the end of the fifth round. Berbick won, but not all that impressively, as Owans, an over grown lightheavyweight, was out of shape at 188. Berbick's body is massive and solid and he has tremendous punch resistance. He moves swiftly but lacks straight punching power which may come.

Scheduled for eight rounds, Kevin Downey, 178, Halifax, had too many bombs for Eddie Phillips, 175, Hartford, and stopped his man midway through the xith of a very good fight. Phillips was filling in for Dave Dittmar who backed out at the last minute leaving the promoter (Don Downey) in a fix.

Scheduled for six rounds, Don Johnson, 155, Halifax, a real comer, stopped veteran Reg MacLean, 156, New Glasgow at the 2:53 mark of the second as he landed with everything but the ring posts to score three knockdowns before referee Leo Carvery stopped it to save MacLean from being hurt.

In a four round opener, Al Clarke, 144, Halifax, (a brother of Chris) fought a war for a round and a half before a vicious left hook took Kenny Reddick, 157, Halifax out for the full count. Donnie Downey promoted for a house of 2,975 with a gate of $17,000.

Harry Wills, whom Dempsey "ducked" took quite a few rounds to beat Firpo and Jack Sharkey badly beat Harry Wills.

Could Foreman have gotten up seven times like Firpo? Could Quarry have beaten the durable Bill Brennan? Would Ellis, Lyle or Bobick get up after the many knockdowns, plus a broken jaw, cheekbone and ribs — and still fight like Jess Williard?

Also concerning Jack's dirty tactics. Foreman hit Frazier low in their second fight, also hit Joe Roman when he was down, and Ali did not go to the prescribed neutral corner in the Bonavena fight, plus he rubbed Terrell's face on the ropes.

James Puller Jr.
Jacksonville, Fla.

ALI

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didn't have the universal appeal to women as well as men and to youngsters. Some just didn't have the luck to be born black, as the gagsters say today.

Ali, in his own words, has the connections and the complexion. He is unique by great as a performer in the ring, and outside as well. He is industrious in building an image at all times. Once some people thought he was simply a blatherskite. Very few still resent it.

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

I would like to wish all my readers and friends of boxing best wishes for the holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year . . . but keep those letters coming!

PETE Di MARTINO, former fight manager, handled the careers of many fighters including that of his brother JOEY JOEY became a contender in both welter and middleweight divisions, fought MARCEL CERDAN, CHARLIE FUSARI, JOE GIARDELLO, MARTY SERVO. He is now living in Florida. PETE DiMARTINO died in his native city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, at the age of 62.

FRANK O'GATTY, brother of late PACKY and JIMMY who resides in Hollywood, California, related to me that his brother JIMMY is the 2nd Vice-Commander of the Hollywood Chapter 49, of Disabled American Veterans. If any boxing friends wish to contact the former welter contender, you can write to 7021 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, Calif., 90028. JIMMY is still very much remembered by the veterans who saw him knockout OKEY KEYES twice in one month: March 5 and 19, 1921. OKEY was fearless boxer-fighter, who was a local Manhattan favorite. His brother was JOHNNY KEYES, Mayor of China Town, in New York City. OAKEY was the K.O. king those days, credited with over 50-knockouts. JIMMY however spoiled that record and OAKEY never fought again. JIMMY is a favorite of the fight beat in Los Angeles and is a staunch supporter of the VBA and is a member of the Cauliflower Alley Club in Hollywood, of which LOU NOVA is V.P. and former formidable wrestling star MIKE MIZURKI is the president.

Former heavyweight king JACK DEMPSEY doesn't get out so much these days, especially after recovering from a spell in hospital from a slight heart attack. But the ex-champion did make it to the N.Y. University Club to see FRANK GIFFORD honored as the "Touchdown Club of America's Man of the Year". GIFFORD, a genuine fight buff, the old New York Giant and a popular sportscaster for ABC-TV was feted for his contribution to sports.

JIMMY ARCHER, who was a pretty nifty fighter,is seen daily on the streets of Manhattan's theater and hotel district, JIMMY operates a horse and carriage livery, picks up tourists and shows them the sights. His brother JOE was also a highly rated welterweight. He was a top contender. JIMMY looks great in his top hat and tails.

The British Boxing News, which states on its masthead — 68th-year of continuous publication, has a feature that interests this writer, and is a popular feature for the weekly boxing paper. Its Veteran Boxing News by RON OLVER. RON, who this writer befriended as a boxer in the early 1940's through to my retirement 23-years later, and have continued our friendship. It was RON OLVER who was assistant editor of Boxing News for three decades and knows all the British veteran boxers and can thus justly write about them. RON's first class contributions to Ring Magazine probably haven't escaped the Ring reader. He also writes the Action in British Rings for Ring Magazine. It was RON who encouraged this reporter to write a regular weekly column entitled, Harry Warren's fight news from the U.S.A." This column was a feature of the popular British paper for 15-years.

For many years, the International VBA, an organisation composed of Rings throughout the country, with its president being the congenial and hard working SCOOP GALLELLO, the former New Rochelle thunderbolt. SCOOP is undivided in his tireless quest to provide comfort and charity to many un-named veteran boxers. He travels all over the American continent to assist and advise the secretaries and officers of boxing organisations. Contact with SCOOP may be made by writing to his office at 94 Crescent Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801.

IRVING SILVERMAN, former president of New Yorks VA, Ring 8, is a very charitable person. He recently retired from the managment of a chain department store after 35-years service. He is reputed to have earned the largest purse for a 4-round fight in his historic clash with CHARLIE MORA at the old St. Nicks Arena. In those days it was usual to work on a percentage of tickets they sold. IRVING was popular. Not only did he dispose of MORA, but collected an unheard of $1,500. Managed by astute HYMIE CANTOR, who handled among many other fighters, that of "The Jewel of the Ghetto," RUBY GOLDSTEIN. Later GOLDSTEIN, became a celebrated referee. It was mainly due to the efforts of SILVERMAN as president of VA. Ring 8, of New York, that such great former fighters were seen at meetings of the New York organization as JACK DEMPSEY, JAKE LaMOTTA, TOMMY LOUGHRAN, PHIL TERRANOVA, CORP. IZZIE SCHWARTZ, BEN JEBY, WILLIE PEP, SANDY SADDLER, TIPPY LARKIN, all former world champions. SILVERMAN is the secretary of the I.V.B.A. and is reached by writing to 1208 Leland Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10472.

Philadelphia JACK O'BRIEN's name before changing it for prize-fighting, was JOSEPH F. HAGEN. One of the greatest lightheavies of all time. In his 17 years as a fighter, he defeated such name fighters as JACK "TWIN" SULLIVAN, TOMMY BURNS, BOB FITZSIMMONS, JOE CHOYNSKI and many more. He died in 1942. Philadelphia should have honored this great boxer for keeping the sport alive in the city.

Checking through the **Ring Record Book and Encyclopledia,** I was amazed at finding this goodie. When JIM CORBETT stopped the great JOHN L. SULLIVAN at the Olympic Club, New Orleans, in 1892, ringside seats were ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. General admission was $15. Box Seats $25, and reserved seats $20. Its amazing what other goodies you will find in this fabulous book.

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SAM TAUB AND RUBY GOLDSTEIN

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This colorful boxing specialist has seen over 10,000 boxing contests, and has actually broadcasted in excess of 7,500 fights. His columns have appeared all over the world, and his face has became well known with his Adam Hat at all the fistic functions.

SAM broadcast over WMSG and he was at ringside at Madison Square Garden, at 50th Street and Eighth Avenue, when his old friend JOE BERNHARDT of WMSG encouraged Sam to broadcast a boxing series. Later the Garden fights were taken over by WNBC and WMCA with Warner Hats as sponsor of the WMCA programs. Adam Hats replaced the Truly Warner Hats sponsorship.

It is not widely known, but SAM TAUB was in charge of many training camps of famous fighters. He was in charge of FLOYD PATTERSON's training camp and was with the former two-time world heavyweight champion when he won the title by disposing of "The Old Mongoose," ARCHIE MOORE.

SAM recalled to me memories of fights which, he said, "I attended since the age of ten."

It was natural that I should ask SAM, "Who are the greatest fighters you can recall over the past eighty years?" SAM thought for a moment and said, "The most colorful fighter was JACK DEMPSEY, the greatest was JIM JEFFRIES."

SAM was born on September 10, 1884, the same year as two memorable fighters, ABE ATTELL and OWEN MORAN and the year in which JACK McAULIFFE became the world lightweight champion.

SAM TAUB was the first broadcast-announcer for a televised fight program in the United States; that year, 1938.

SAM TAUB was the recipient of the JAMES J. WALKER award in 1958. This is a coveted award and is awarded by the Boxing Writers Association to the person who has done more for boxing.

SAM was visibly moved when several prominent personalities come to honor him on his birthday, including: Supreme Court Judge MICHAEL M. POTTIKER; veteran fight trainer who has been instrumental in the careers of eighteen world champions, RAY ARCEL; president of VBA, Ring 8, former featherweight contender AL REID; OSSIE (ARNOLD) FELDMAN, inspector with the New York State Athletic Commission and Publisher and Editor of Ring magazine, NAT LOUBET. All spoke about SAM TAUB in glowing terms and of his involvement in boxing over their lifetimes. A standing ovation was given SAM as he cut his cake and delighted the well attended function with innumerable stories and his heartfelt thanks to all who paid him homage. SAM introduced his grandchild, NICHOLAS FELICIA, an officer of the New York Police Department, serving with the 25th Precinct.

RUBY GOLDSTEIN, the fighter, was second to none. Known as "The Jewel of the Ghetto," RUBY had a most successful start as an amateur. He won all 26 contests. As a professional he had 55 bouts, which included 34 knockout wins. It is notable that RUBY never lost a fight by decision. SID TERRIS, JIMMY McLARNIN, two former world champions, hold K.O. wins against him, but looking through Ruby's record, it's notable that former lightweight champion of the world JIMMY GOODRICH lost to the dynamic RUBY.

Born October 7, 1907, this Jewish-American fighter certainly caught the imagination of all the fight buffs. RUBY had a distinguished career in the military, and it was while he was with the military that he became a referee. He became a licensed referee in the state of New York and went on to further fame. He is reputed to be a no-nonsense, extremely fair third man. He refereed hundreds of fights and is one of the record holders for refereeing world title bouts.

A two-time president of VBA, Ring 8, of New York, he will sorely miss his friends in New York. RUBY and his lovely wife, BEATRICE, are leaving New York City to relocate to Miami Beach, Florida. The Ring magazine ran a series on the principal fights that Ruby GOLDSTEIN refereed and it makes for enjoyable reading.

VBA, Ring 31, of South Florida will be hosting a party for RUBY and from all the boxing world we wish you a happy retirement.

Glancing around the Gold Ballroom at the affair, I noticed members of the New York State Athletic Commission, including Dr. HARRY and ROSE LEWIS, as well as referees TONY PEREZ, VINNIE RENAINE, FRANK and EVA SHAIN, a husband and wife team on the Commission. Two-time world bantamweight champion LOU SALICA, former fistic greats LENNIE DEL GENIO, FRANKIE RYFF, JOHNNY CABELLO, HAROLD BESSER, PHIL RUTHA, OSCAR GOLDMAN, RAY KOZAK, EDDIE BLUNT, AL FELLER who fought Panama AL BROWN and TONY MARINO, both world champions and STU LEVINE who traveled from upstate New Jersey with a contingent from VBA, Ring 9 and VBA. Ring 21 of Brooklyn headed by Sam Markowitz (known as Mayor of Boro Hall).

OSSIC (ARNOLD) FELDMAN, who gave a party for SAM TAUB on his 90th birthday, said, "Next year we will have another party for SAM TAUB which will exceed this one," but Supreme Court Judge MICHAEL M. POTOKER said it best. "I hope to travel to New York to celebrate SAM's 95th birthday."

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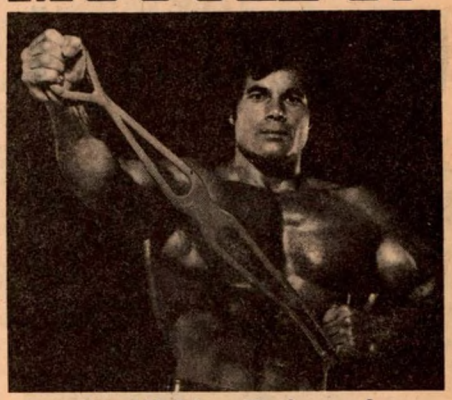

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By JACK A. TREE

BETHEA LOSES TO PERGAUD

Tom Bethea, U.S.A., lost via decision to Louis Pergaud, German based African, in Hamburg, Germany, recently.

HAMBURG — Tom Bethea, USA, making his fourth appearance in a German ring (he had already drawn with Avenamar Peralta in Berlin and beaten Peralta and Hartmut Sasse here in Hamburg) faced a new boy, Louis Perguad, an African based in Hamburg.

Unable to fight for the European crown because of his nationality, manager and promoter Wilfred Schulz hopes that Pergaud, in facing men like Bethea, will take a short cut and gate crash the world's top ten. Bethea, no longer rated in the top ten nor in the American ratings of The Ring, is perhaps not the man he was, but he is still quite a formidable opponent and a tough assignment for most, and especially for the somewhat green Pergaud.

In round five Bethea's left eye lid was cut, and in the interval to the sixth the ringside doctor inspected the damaged and advised the third man, Herbert Tomser, Germany, to call a halt. This was a situation that even the five times world champion, Emile Griffith, who was in Bethea's corner, had no control over.

The 27-year-old coloured boy, Pergaud, had no respect for the world class Bethea, who has exchanged punches with men like Nino Benvenuti, Luis Rodriguez, Mike Quarry, Bennie Briscoe and Carlos Monzon during his career which began in 1967.

Perguad had a reach advantage, was head and shoulders taller than the American, was faster, cleverer and had boxed brilliantly up to the time of the stoppage. He had produced a steady stream of lefts while Bethea countered with brief flurries. Bethea was tagged with frequent combinations and in return he landed punches with negligible results.

Most of the fight fans in Hamburg apparently stayed at home to view their sport in comfort. The meeting coincided with a repeat showing of the Ali-Shavers squabble from New York on TV. Only 2000 turned up at the Ernest Merck venue.

Four British boys boxed Germans on this card. Two, Bunny Sterling and John Laine, won, Pat McCann didn't have a chance of winning having received a couple of public warnings from the third man, and terry O'Connor was very unlucky to lose his contest.

Bunny faced the German middleweight champion, Frank Reiche, who collected a cut eye lid in the fourth and was forced to call it a day. After a couple of even rounds Sterling took the third, scoring frequently with a left to the face. In the fourth a hard left landed flush on Reiche's right eye. He dropped his guard and stopped momentarily and shook his head while referee, Herbert Tomser, called a count of eight. The damaged eye lid, measuring two centimetres long, required a couple of stitches by the ring doctor once Reiche reached his cabin. These two boys met one another in February last year here in Hamburg. The European middleweight title was at stake and Sterling won the thirteenth.

John Laine's opponent was ex-German junior middleweight champion Peter Wulf, who made a comback recently after a retirement of nearly a year. Wulf's right eye was almost closed and in the final round eight a right to the face hurt the German, but he did not go down. Referee was ex-German middlweight champion 58-year-old Carl Schmidt, who met Britain's Bos Murphy in 1951.

Pat McCann's light heavyweight bout over eight rounds with ex-German champion Karl Heinz Klein was an ugly affair at times. Klein, who has not boxed very often over the past year, won the battle on points. The third man gave McCann two public warnings; one for hitting on the break and another for a careless head. On these occasions Kelin lost his head and temper and cursed McCann loud and clear across the ring. The referee promptly told the German to cool it off. In the seventh McCann was caught off balance and went down. He was up quickly, but took a standing count of eight. McCann, a southpaw, was a very difficult man to box, but Klein had the edge on points and his win could not be questioned.

Terry O'Connor faced German heavyweight hope George Butzbach (21) over six rounds and O'Connor lost on points but should have gotten at least a draw. O'Connor's public warning for holding in the sixth did not improve his chances and Butzbach put in a strong finishing round which might have swayed the third man's verdict in his favor.

Adolph Heuser, Germany, was 70 on October 3rd. Adolf Heuser won the European light heavyweight crown, koing Martinez de Alfara, Spain, in one round at Velencia in 1932, and lost it without a fight when he decided to go to America. It was in the States that Heuser met Maxie Rosenbloom in New York on March 10, 1933, for the world light heavyweight crown and lost narrowly on points. Aslo in America he beat: Leo Williams, Norman Conrad, George Nichols, Eddie Simms and Harry Ebbets. Adolf lost three bouts in the States, Abe Feldman, Ed Winston and Lou Brouillard.

Max Schmeling, who ko'ed Adolf Heuser in one round when they met for the European heavyweight title on July 2, 1939, celebrated his 72nd birthday on 28th September.

Italian Franco Zurlo defended his European bantamweight title he won beating Salvatore Fabrizio in February last, against Britain Paddy McGuire, TKO8. Zurlo ruled the bantamweight division from 1969 to 1970. Paddy McGuire was making his second attempt, having already drawn with Daniel Trioulaire of France who reigned in 1976.

Franco Zurlo, previously made a successful defense against Frenchman Jacky Bihim. Zurlo, born October 4, 1940, at Btindisi is 1.68 tall. He has been boxing since he was fifteen. At the Tokyo Olympics, Zurlo lost to Russian, Grigiev. The Zurlo-McGuire bout was the 100th in the bantamweight division since Britian's Joe Bowker won the crown in London in 1910 when he ko'ed Frenchman Jean Audony in eight rounds. Britain has produced 12 champions, Italy, 10. This was the ninth meeting between a Briton and an Italian in this division, both winning four with one ending all square.

Zurlo is the 43rd champion. The Italian's with I8500 outbid the British for the fight by I1000. McGuire received I4000 which was more than the champion collected. Zurlo conceded the highest share to make sure he got home advantage.

▲**Coloma de Gramenet** — Middleweight. Jose Hernandez beat Daniel Makre, TKO7.

▲**Almeria** — Esteben Eguia retained his Spanish bantamweight title beating Juan Francisco Rodriguez, who was disqualified in round seven. Rodriguez (26) was one of Spain's best amateurs. He held the European junior and senior titles in 1971. At the Munich Olympic Games Rodriguez beat Aldo Costenlino, but lost in the quarter finals to Alfonso Zamora. As a professional since 1976 he has won eight bouts.

▲**Barcelona** — Nino Jimenez lost his European featherweight crown to fellow countryman Manuel Masso, TKO10. Injuries and military service has interrupted Masso's career, but he has still had 24 straight wins with sixteen ending inside the distance.

▲**Rome** — — Middleweight. Roberto Felcioni beat Alfredo Rossi who retired with a cut eye in round three. Welterweight. Vicenzo Moruzzi beat Nelson Gomez, TKO3.

▲**Nepi** — Junior light. Salvatore Liscapade outscored Rene Battistelli, eight.

▲**Portorecanati** — Featherweight. Sergio Emili outscored Mouldi, Manai, eight.

▲**Florence** —Bantamweight. Claudio Tanda beat Tarcisio Boi, TKO5.

▲**Senigallia** — Lightweight. Fulgio Giacomoni outscoired Giovanni Cavazzini, eight.

▲**Milan** — Gratien Tonna, France, won the European middleweight title beating champion Alan Minter, (GB) TKO8.

▲**Frankfort** — A crowd of 700 witnessed a programme of boxing present by a new promoter, Max Muhlum. Heavyweight. George Butzbach, Germany drew his eight rounder with Lissomo Obutobe, Zaire. Junior middleweight. Jean Andre Emmerich, Germany, lost on points over eight rounds to Clemente Tshinza, Zaire. Welterweight. Mate Chamo, Yugoslavia, beat German Peter Lutz, KO3. Light heavy. Charley Schylz, Germany, beat Kemal Curnaczan, Turkey, KO3. Middleweight. Josef Kossmann drew with fellow German, Wolfgang Luger, over six rounds. Junior middle. Peter Bio, Ghana. decisioned Friedhelm Manns, Germany, six.

▲**Hamburg** — Welterweight.Erwin Heiber, Germany, decisioned Giampaolo Piras, and Italian based in Cologne, over four rounds. Junior middleweight. John Laine, (GB) outscored Peter Wulf, Germany, eight. Heavyweight. George Butzbach, Germany, outpointed Terry O'Connor (GB), six. Light heavyweight. Karl Heinz Klein, Germany, decisioned Pat McCann (GB), eight. Light heavyweight. Louis Perguad, and African based in Hamburg, beat Tom Bethea, USA, who retired with a cut eye in the interval to round six. Middleweight.

Bunny Sterling (GB beat Frank Reiche, Germany, who retired with a cut eye in round four.

▲**Copenhagen** — A crowd of 3000 saw MOGENS Palle's show at Copenhagen. In the main event on the card junior middleweight hope, Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Copenhagen, had his hardest bout to date outscoring America's Rudy Robles over ten rounds. Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, who recently lost his European crown on a disqualification to Germany's Jorg Eipel decked southpaw Tony Hudson (GB), who got off the canvas to lose the eight rounder of points. Erkki Meronen, Denmark, decked twice in round two, lost in the fourth to Mickey Rice (GB). Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, beat Briton George Turpin, KO3. Middlweight. Jsoef Naubuga, Uganda, beat Per Mullertz, Denmark, TKO3. Light heavyweight. Mustapha Wanajja, Uganda, outscored Garfiele McEwan, (GB), six.

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▲**Rijeka** — European light heavyweight champion, Mate Parlov, beat the German champion, Leo Kabolewicz, in six rounds. Parlov's title was not at stake.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Emeterio Villanueva, 160, technically stopped Manuel Elizondo, 160, in four rounds, to become new Mexican middleweight champion. Ernesto Davis, 134, of Panama, bested Leoncio Ortiz, 135, in ten. Jose Luis Plata, 117, TKO'd Alberto Mendez, 117, in four.

▲**Mazatlan, sinaloa:** Antonio "To5n" Becerra, 118, whipped Salvador Sanchez, 118, to win Mexican bantamweight title which was vacant since death of Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez in an accident. Eliseo Cosme, 118, TKO'd Jose Luis Soto, 118, in 4.

▲**TORREON COAHULLA:** Ernesto Herrera, 126, outpointed Jorge David Monzon, 126, in 12 rounds to retain Mexican featherweight belt. Edel Borunda, 118, won over Jose "Chango" Cruz, in 10. Tito Cruz, 145, beat Andres Ramirez, 146, in 10.

▲**MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS:** Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 118, TKO'd Orlando Javierto, 116, of Phillipines, in six.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA:** Adelaido Galindo, 113, iced Luis "Coloradito" Gonzalez, 113, in one.

▲**Reynosa, TAMAULIPAS:** Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 119, TKO'd Lalo Cuadros, 118, in 5. "Sugar" Garcia, 119, outscored Pepe Alonso, 120, in 10.

▲**MATEHUALA, SAN LUIS POTOSI:** Carlos "Calaca" Segura, 112, bombed Beto Hernandez, 112, in three.

▲**CIUDAD VICTORIA, TAMAULIPAS:** Rosalio Muro, 126, TKO'd Baltazar Garcia, 125, in 3.

▲**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA:** Memo Ayala, 117, KO'd Amado "Costeno" Mendoza, 117, in 6.

▲**CIUDAD AITAMIRANO, GUERRERO:** Eloy Hernandez, 123, kayoed "Cubano" Nava, 124, in 5.

▲**AGUA PRIETA, SONORA:** Mario "Finito" Otanez, 157, flattened Miguel Hernandez, 159, in five.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Jose "Mixe" Bautista, 117, THO'd Reyes Torres, 117, in one, Pablo Rodriguez, 134, TKO'd Agustin Ramirez, 135, in 6. Juan Hernandez, 135, TKO'd Carlos Romero, 134, in 4. Anselmo Martinez, 119, beat Javier Herrera, 120, in 6. Juan Soto, 113, and Valentin Medina, 113, drew in four.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Raul Rodriguez, 150, knocked out Alex Olguin, 154, in four.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Abraham Chavarria, 145, TKO'd Ruben Quintas, 146, in seven.

▲**MAZATLAN, SINALOA:** Antonio "Tono" Becerra, 117, beat Fabian Palma, 118, in ten.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Alex Parra, 110, TKO'd Kid Copetes, 113, in 5, Humberto Lara, 120, decisioned Laureano Pool, 123, in 6.

▲**TENOSIQUE:** Freddy Castillo, 112, TKO'd Aureliano "Pulga" Sanchez, 112, in 3. Rufino Gallegos, 125, won from Paco Robles, 125, in ten. Eduardo "Conejo" Briceno, 124, TKO'd Armando Castillo, 125, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Benjamin Abarca, 125, TKO'd Francisco Gomez, 124, in 6. Francisco Famoso, 127, stopped Miguel Angel Mendez, 128, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Cesar Savinon, 135, of Dominican Republic, whipped Lupe Galindo, 133, in ten. Jose Mendez, 132, TKO'd Jose Luis Escalante, 133, in two. Beto Valenzuela, 111, won by a disqualification over Sergio "Gato" Martinez, 114, in 7. Manuel Ferrer, 125, TKO'd Juan Jimenez, 124, in 5. Ramon Chaires, 111, TKO'd Baltazar Espana, 111, in 3.

▲**CAMPECHE:** Mariano Garma, 117, THO'd Pedro "Chapa" Martinez, 117, in four. Jorge "Coco" Portela, 119, and Benjamin Barrera, 121, drew in ten. Porfirio Morales, 115, TKO'd Manuel Hong, 114, in 4. Juan Duran, 119, polished off Juan "Platano" Salas, 119, in 1. Jose "Tabas" Limbert, 115, put Ramon Hong, 114, to sleep in 1.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Guillermo Mis, 113, beat Kid Valente, 114, in 8.

▲**CIUDAD VICTORIA, TAMAULIPAS:** Jorge Avante, 115, defeated Ricardo Delgado, 116, who announced his retirement after 10. Leo Palacios, 110, kayoed Alberto Diaz, 110, in four. Raul Decaro, 119, TKO'd Manuel Hernandez, 120, in 8.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 125, won over Jose "Toluco" Diaz, 124, in ten. Alejandro Agosto, 121, beat Angel Lopez, 122, in 10.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Miguel "Raton" Conzalez, 112, destroyed Joe Gatica, 112, in 1. Rodrigo Ortiz, 134, TKO'd Gabriel Paramo, 135, in 6. Felipe Farias, 111, defeated Eleazar Zarate, 111, in eight.

▲ **SLAYA, GUANAJUATO:** Jose Luis Riestra, 111, TKO'd Jose Luis Guzman, 111, in 2. Ramon "Gorila" Cazares, 136, beat Jose Angel Rodriguez, 134, in 8.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Antonio Nava, 126, decisioned Raymundo Cardoso, 126, in 10. Salvador "Negro" Torres, 134, TKO'd Raul Arroyo, 135, in 8. Jesus Ramirez, 134, TKO'd Manuel "Negro" Martinez, 136, in five. Fidencio Gonzalez, 123, TKO'd Agustin Martinez, 124, in 3.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE:** Ernesto Garfias, 134, bested Ignacio "Negro" Campso, 134, in 12, to win lightweight title of Baja California State. Candelario "Conde" Bobadilla, 117, outpointed Francisco Ponce, 118, in 10. Pedro Granados, 130, TKO'd Jose Luis Hernandez, 128, in one.

▲**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA:** Ney Gordillo, 126, TKO'd Rafael Varela, 125, in six.

▲**MAZATLAN, SINALOA:** Ernesto Caballero, 146, TKO'd Crisanto Valenzuela, 145, in 6.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Aureliano Castillo, 117, and Antonio "Tony" Sanchez, 117, fought a no contest decision bout in 7. Nestor Adan, 144, TKO'd Alfredo Morales, 146, i nten. Chucho Velazco, 124, embalmed Silvestre Victores, 124, in one. Jose Luis Tapia, 115, TKO'd Angel Mata, 116, in 4. Rodolfo Morales, 124, defeated Miguel Alvarez, 124, in four.

▲**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA:** Jorge Morales, 118, beat Jose Chavez, 112, in 12, to win bantamweight title of Oaxaca State.

▲**CELAYA, GUANAJUATO:** Lupe "Sombrerete" Hernandez, 118, TKO'd Julio Manjarrez, 118, in 8.

▲**CIUDAD MANTE, TAMAULIPAS:** Alfredo Pitalua, 134, of Colombia, flattened Juan Elizondo, 135, in 8. Jesus "Chucho" Aparicio, 118, TKO'd Daniel Evangelista, 118, in 8.

▲**HUATABAMPO, SONORA:** Juan Antonio Lopez, 122, kayoed Joel Torres, 121, in 3. Tony Escobar, 117, outpointed "Chamaco" Mendoza, 117, in ten.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Carmelo Montes, 125, TKO'd Rafael "Tanque Gonzalez, 124, in 4. Noe Torres, 117, beat Miguel Angel Hernandez, 117, in 8. Margarito Cardona, 120, TKO'd Fernando Aviles, 119, in 5.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Ricardo Varela, 112, decisioned Jose Gallegos, 112, in ten. Cesar Armijo, 191, KO'd Santiago Chago" Saldana, 187, in two.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Celso Martinez, 134, kayoed Arturo Rodriguez, 134, in ten. Alberto Martinez, 125, iced Gilberto Villacana, in the very first round.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Tommy Basto, 125, stopped Luis Hernandez, 124, in two. Roman Acosta, 109, TKO'd Roberto Llanes, 111, in three. Luis Fuentes, 124, TKO'd "Leoncito" Chavez, 125, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Ismael Ruiz, 209, halted Leopoldo "Polo" Najera, 205, in nine. Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 180, outpointed Sabino Villanueva, 196, in ten. Jesus Garza Ortiz, 152, TKO'd Nicolas Arredondo, 154, in five. Zenon Cosme, 112, won from Pedro Comenares, 111, in six. Pedro Moreno, 114, decisioned Luis Soto, 113, in 4.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Justo Garcia, 120, TKO'd Babe San Martin, 121, in four. Victor "Vaquerito" Diaz, 111, gained Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, in 10. Raul Rico, 117, TKO'd Jose Gallo" Sanchez, 117, in 4. Esteban Guadros, 111, and Mauri Marano, 111, drew in 6. Enrique Vazquez, 115, TKO'd Miguel Lopez, 115, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Antonio Avelar, 113, polished off Arturo Uruzquieta, 112, in two. Victo "Vaquerito" Diaz, 111, TKO'd Martin Gallegos, 112, in 7. Alejandro Vega, 122, and Alejandro Lopez, 121, drew in 8, Mario Rios, 111, TKO'd Victor Press, 110, in 5. Alfonso Bravo, 113, bested Jose Florentino, 112, in four.

▲**CANCUN, QUINTANA ROO:** Matias Marin, 112, decisioned Guillermo Mis, 112, in ten. Eduardo Medina, 117, TKO'd Juan Marquez, 117, in 8. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 112, and "Panderito" Ricalde, 111, drew in 8. "Relampago" Escalante, 117, TKO'd Huacho Caballero, 116, in 2. "Chamaco" Mora, 111, TKO'd "Dandy" Lugo, 110, in four.

▲**MOTUL, YUCATAN:** Gedeon Velazquez, 124, beat Kid Popeye, 124, in 8. Mario "Apache" Ramirez, 112, outpointed Mario Herrera, 113, in 6. Rodolfo Contreras, 144, gained Felipe Racheco, 145, in four.

▲**CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO:** Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 125, kayoed Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 123, in 6. David Raygoza, 117, iced Jose Luis Silva, 118, in 1.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Rafeal "Bazooka" Limon, 129, TKO'd Antonio Llamas, 128, in 3. Carlos Mendoza, 121, of Panama, TKO'd Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 120, in nine. Leo Palacios, 109, TKO'd Carlos Ibarra, 110, in four.

▲**NOCALES, SONORA:** Juan Antonio Lopez, 121, flattened Lalo Flores, 122, in 3.

▲**MAZATLAN, SINAOLA:** Celso Olivas, 145, halted Ernesto Escalante, 146, in 4. Lorenzo Benitez, 158, embalmed Esteban Robles, 159, in six.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Jose Luis Baltazar, 147, kayoed Vianor Durango, 146, of Panama, in nine. Ruben Garcia, 126, TKO'd Jesus "Chuy" Miranda, 126, in 8. Francisco Manzo, 125, TKO'd Cosme Corcuera, 125, in one. Anselmo Martinez, 114, lost to Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 113, in six. Miguel Chavez, 112, beat Arsenio Mercado, 112, in 4.

▲**PIEDRAS NEGRAS COAHUILA:** Rosalio Muro, 125, outscored "Fafis" Martinez, 125, in 10.

▲**RIO BRAVO, TAMAULIPAS:** Hector "Toluco" Muñoz, 134, embalmed "Chocolate" Perez, 135, in 3. Jorge "Mulato" Cruz, 112, KO'd "Danamita" Perez, 112, in 7.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:** Young Casanova, 118, won over Delfino Mendoza, 118, in 10. Benny Abarca, 126, stopped Adrian "Cachorro" Estrella, 125, in nine.

▲**CELAYA, GUANAJUATO:** Javier "Torbellino" Vargas, 146, beat Jose Luis Moradod 145, in 10. Jose Castillo, 117, TKO'd Candido Echeverr1a, 117, in three.

▲**CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA:** "Gigio" Estrada, 117, decisioned Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 118, in 10. Jose Angel Cazares, 121, TKO'd Raul Decaro, 122, in 9.

▲**ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:** Carlos Hernandez, 125, kayoed Jorge Castillo, 124, in 4. Bibiano Gonzalez, 126, won by a disqualification over Jaime Carrasco, 126, in 8. Mario Hernandez, 135, disposed of Miguel Navarrete, 135, in 8.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Jose Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Antonio Morales, 111, in 3.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:** Alejandro Garcia, 111, bombed Juan Mendoza, 110, in one.

▲**MEXICO CITY:** Jose Sosa, 111, defeated Jorge Vera, 111, in 10. Moises Sore, 146, TKO'd Nestor Adam, 144, in 10. Francisco Gonzalez, 118, TKO'd Armando "Palitos" Perez, 118, in 6. Patricio Martinez, 116, won over Melchor Mendoza, 136, in 6. Candido Tellez, 105, demolished Rafael Villatoro, 109, in two.

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ROY DALE

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beating him early in the fight. I knew I could win. He hit me with a body shot that hurt me. I thought I'd go down to rest for a few seconds. The ref gave a fast count, — Monzon the winner by KO.

"I was disgusted. I was disgusted with everything." So Dale quit for two years.

It was unlike Dale to be a quitter. "I got into hanging out into the early A.M. I got disgusted with my life and got up to 180 pounds.

"I went through life thinking I had the ability to be champ but not doing anything about it. But I'm a constructive guy. I didn't want to go through life not having tried to accomplish something. Anything else would've been a cop out."

One of Dale's relatives, Tony Tubbs (amateur heavyweight) was getting into the sport. "I wanted to be a good example for him. I wanted to win again. I wanted to win for me first, but I wanted to win for my trainer, Jimmy Grier. I love the guy."

In 1975 the 165-pound Dale got back into the ring. Quickly he returned to his 10 round main event status beating all-comers decisively.

In the same year Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum opened its doors and only a short time and imagination brought boxing to the building's floor.

The presence of boxing at the Coliseum was a big plus to Dale's career because it meant he could have a "home base." A fighter needs a home base.

"They don't give you decisions here, but the whole thing is an incentive. A guy should have a chance to have a straight up decision," Dale emphasized.

The poor kid from a neighborhood of blue collar workers, mostly unemployed, now had a "home" seating 17,000 for his sport, complete with plush private boxes and a restaurant overlooking the ring. At 29, Roy Dale was born again.

Dale doesn't see the Coliseum as a complete comfort for his stay in the game, however. Coliseum-hired matchmaker Don Elbaum "has been trying to get me beat from the beginning. I beat one of his fighters once."

"Instead of trying to push me, he's pushing white guys from all over the country to beat me." Dale has been matched by Elbaum against Minneapolis' Glenn Morgan, sometimes a light heavyweight, who Dale KO'd in the tenth round January 21st; Burt Hays from West Virginia who Dale slew in the third round by KO; and Betham, a Samoan fighting out of Aukland, New Zealand and Miami Beach.

"That's okay. It gives me drive," Dale laughed about what he believes to be Elbaum's intentions. Actually, Dale has to appear against better fighters in the Coliseum to achieve his goal . . . recognition.

Dale wants to be known as the best in his weight class. That means meeting top ranked contenders. "I'll fight any of the top contenders anywhere, but I won't leave here unless it's against one of them, or the money is right," Dale remarked.

He's a fighter who understands that fighting only lasts so long. "I'm going to hang with it. If I can't see myself rated in the top ten in the next two years by Ring, the WBA and the WBC, I'll retire.

"I have a job to think about. The people at Allis Chalmers (where he is employed) have been good about working with me in boxing. They're proud of me and I'm proud of them," he said with a sense of dignity and achievement.

Once an international opponent, Roy Dale has everything a good fighter needs: The ability to win; a king's palace in which to do it; and, a good job in case he doesn't.

OLD BROADWAY

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former star of the Yankees in the long ago.

Time flies. Several months ago, Manny Seamon, one time trainer of the great Benny Leonard and later Joe Louis, celebrated his 80th birthday.

Before one of the World Series games, in the Hospitality Room at the Stadium, Nat Loubet and myself ran into our buddy, Red Smith, fine writer for the New York Times. Red was a great pal of ours, Frank Graham, who was a fine writer for the Sun and was popular with John McGraw and all the Giants players. Graham was one of the finest men I ever knew.

Angelo Sinito, boxing historian, whose article appeared in the October Ring magazine entitled "Boxing Buff Par Excellence," would like to hear from persons interested in buying and sellling boxing magazines and record books. He can be reached 202-947-5900 between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. daily. His address is 19 West 36th St., N.Y. City, 10018.

To Bert Krieger: Answering your query, I knew Charley Weinert, the "Newark Adonis," very well, I saw him outpoint Luis Angel Firpo. Wild Bull of the Pampas," in a no-decision affair in Newark. Believe it was in the Armory Weinert met Harry Wills on the Harry Greb-Mickey Waller boxing show in the Polo Grounds and was kayoed in the second round. Weinert was never more than a light heavyweight, but a courageous fighter who met Jack Dillon, the "Giant Killer," many times.

Glad to hear from Tommy Walsh and his wife Bea, who are now living at 915A So. Drive Tear, Delray Beach, Fla., 33445. Thanks for the happy birthday greetings and glad to have Ring send you a year's subscription. Tommy was a good ring official. Remember me to George Ruggs and the others now basking in Florida sunshine.

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foe Johnny Heard, and had trouble against the unorthodox fighter's sudden rushes. The youngster's combinations were hesitant, and far from the speed that once made a Cleveland sports writer describe him as "a miniature Ali." Yet rustiness didn't prevent Tap from finding Heard in the third round, and later opening a cut over the older rival's eye. When Heard told his corner "This kid could kill me" in the fourth round, the fight was stopped.

In the dressing room after the fight Tap admitted to being disappointed over his showing. "I wished I had looked better," he confided to reporters. "I wanted you to come in here and say, you're a tough stud. But you ain't doing that."

Apparently Tap has lost some fighting skills over the years. But what he's gained from his prison experience stands out. Few inmates make "time serve them," or adjust in such a way to build inner strength. Tap is doing just that, or as he puts it, "I know I'm in an abnormal situation. But I don't want anyone feeling sorry for me. Man, I gotta overcome this place. That's the foundation of my courage, and my going on. I'm gonna be champion of the world."

Whatever happens to Tap's boxing ambitions is almost irrelevant. More importantly, he is ready to continue his work in halfway houses, and be an example in the rehabilitation of other convicts. That's why he deserves his big "chance."

TONNA-MINTER

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dropped his European crown to go for the world title, but lost both to Carlos Monzon and Rodrigo Valdes.

It was in Milan that Briton Roland Todd lost to Bruno Frattini (1924), Johnny Pritchett to Juan Carlos Duran (1969), Bunny Sterling to Angelo Jacopucci (1976), Wally Swift to Sandro Mazzinghi (1967) and Terry Allen to Nazzareno Ganelli (1954).

British boxers have faced 76 Frenchmen for a European crown, winning 38, losing 33 and drawing 5.

Britain has produced ten middleweight champions: Gus Platts (1921), Johnny Basham (1921), Ted Kid Lewis (1921), Roland Todd (1923), Tommy Milligan (1925), Randy Turpin (1951), John McCormack (1961), Kevin Finnegan (1974), Bunny Sterling (1976) and Alan Minter.

Eight Frenchmen ruled Europe: Georges Carpentier (1921), Billy Bakac (1920), Marcel Thil (1929) (1934), Edouard Tenet (1938) (1939), Marcel Cerdan (1947), Charles Humez (1954), Jean Claude Bouttier (1971), and Gratien Tonna (1975).

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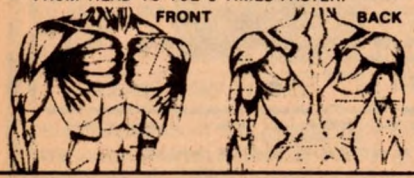

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Mammoth David Johnson, 6' 5", and sporting a 50 pound weight advantage, showed no Brotherly Love for Norfolk's Bobby Jordan in copping a 6 round nod. Jordan, a Richard Pryor lookalike, was in danger of taking a sleeping pill on 3 occasions. David was the Goliath; he looked over Jordan by half-a-foot, and worked over Jordan in the first, fifth, and final rounds, putting him on the boards in the 5th. The clever Jordan looked impressive in rounds 2, 3, and 4.

Norfolk's 5-0 middleweight Fred Brown was suffered to take candy from a baby; but Philadelphia's Artie McCloud shocked everyone in his pro debut by putting Brown down in the first: Fred arose at once, but took a standing 8. In the 2nd the two-fisted McCloud pummeled his face until he almost went through the ropes. Brown came back well, but it was "too little, too late" and Artie took a 6 round verdict, with one judge calling it "even."

Drawing-card Bobby Acey, undefeated, withdrew from the line-up due to an injury. Attendance fell to 561, but fans were treated to an undercard that featured two split decisions and a disputable decision.

Richmond heavy, Don "Doc" Spellman, squeaked a 2-1 four-round decision over Baltimore's Chief Quinne Locklear, but the opening minute looked like "Spellman's Last Stand" as the body-punching rookie came on like "Standing Bull." If his punches had reached Spellman's face, the latter would have needed a real "Doc." One fan chanted, "Chief can't fight; trunks too tight."

In a lightweight opener, Portsmouth's Van Tate came on late to take a split 4-round decision over Charlottesville's Will Rankin.

In a 6 round middleweight go, Charlottesville's Mel Grooms, 19, edged Philadelphia's Wilbert Crews in a booed decision. Grooms hit often; Crews hit hard. Bald, bearded, and brick-built, the colorful Crews hamburgered Mel's baby face.

Philadelphia welterweight Charlie Lee dislocated a shoulder and couldn't start the third against Norfolk's Jesse Carter. After an even round one, Jesse amassed a huge lead. He looks so much like Fred Brown that many fans were calling him "Fred."

GUSHIKEN

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blows from Mahachai. The modest victim said. "My leading rights were verr effective. Montsayarm was a game fighter who persistently pressed forward. I remember the effect of the finisher punch. I am so happy that I could satisfy the expectations of the fans here and TV watchers." The card was telecast nationwide, through TBS, from the southern Kyushu Island.

"Gushiken was a technician." Mahachai the loser said. "His timing of using the right punches was too good for me. But if possible, I want to slug it out with him again."

In a semi-final tenner, Minoru Sugiya, JBC No. 6 junior welterweight and the WBA champ's stablemate, stretched his kayo streak to seven by demolishing more experienced Hiromi Nishida, rated Kenzo Takasugi, 120¼, drew with Hiroaki Oto, 120, in another 10 rounder, Hirobumi Sawada, 143, polished off Kenzo Omasa, 141¾, in less than five minutes of a supporting sixer.

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RICK FOLSTAD

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unanimous decision over Tom Tarentino, knocking him down twice en route, a unanimous decision over Marion Thomas, (knock down in the fourth) and, Rick's most important fight to date, a ten round unanimous verdict over Al "The Spoiler" Franklin.

If anyone cares to look back in the November 1976 issue of Ring Magazine, he will find that Al Franklin was rated Number 10 in the U.S. ratings. Al Franklin is a tough, action-packed competitor who is always in tip top shape.

Franklin also has a ring record of over 70 professional fights and has 22 knockouts or more among his wins, so the dude can thump a bit. Yet Rick Folstad, with ring generalship seldom seen in a fighter so early in his career, managed to decision Al Franklin over ten tough rounds. Both fighters are from the Twin Cities area so the decision could hardly be classified as "home town." Rick fought a good, smart fight, against a real tough fighter and left no doubt about the win.

Rick Folstad also has another credit to his account besides his excellent ability in the ring. Mr. Folstad is a college graduate with a major in zoology.

Outside of the ring, Rick is a personable fellow, a real class guy who fits in anywhere he goes. A great sense of humor, a quick toothy smile and a heart as big as you please.

Rick Folstad, in my opinion, has been in the shadows long enough. He has paid his dues, has proven his ability and deserves a place in the sunshine right along with the other fighters from Minnesota.

For a man who has so much hustle, so few animosities about past misfortune, so bright an outlook on the future; for a man who has had 14 pro fights and has never been knocked out, knocked down, stopped or beaten as a pro; for a man that has fought his way through physical injury and personal tragedies, I think it is time the other fighter from Minnesota gets his due.

Rick Folstad is a crowd pleasing fighter who comes to fight and fights to win. That's Rick Folstad!!!!!

SALDIVAR, PINTOR, BALTAZAR

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In a co-feature. Leonel Valencia, 125, Redwood City knocked out Fermin Navarro, 124, Mexico, in the first round.

Other results: Pee Man Jones, 118½, Oakland, dec. over Joel Valdez, 119½, San Jose, (6); Mario Chavez, 117½, San Francisco, dec. over Arturo Ulloa, 118, Mexico, (6).

The gate was $5,659.

▲**STOCKTON** — When ex—bantam and featherweight champ Ruben Olivares couldn't make the trip, promoters did the next best thing and brought in Jose Olivares.

Jose, no relation to Ruben, dropped a lop-sided decision to local favorite, Nacho Jimenez, in the 10 round main event.

Weights, Jimenez, 130½; Olivares, 128. The gate was $3,346.

Other results: Reynaldo Zaragoza, 129, Mexico, KO over Ad Zapanta, 125, Manila, P. I., (5); Dick Abbot, 159, Stockton, KO over Ramon De La O, 160, Mexico, (3); Tyger Trimiar, 143½, New York, dec. over Kim Maybee, 150, Los Angeles, 150, (Women)

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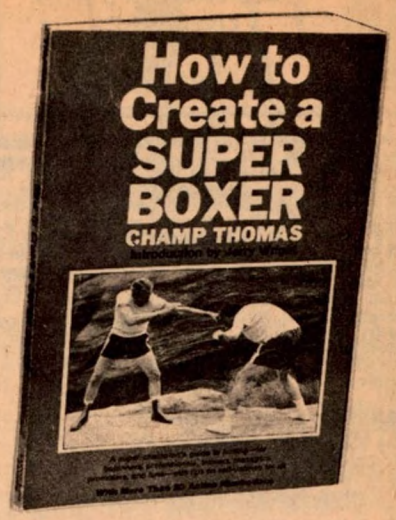

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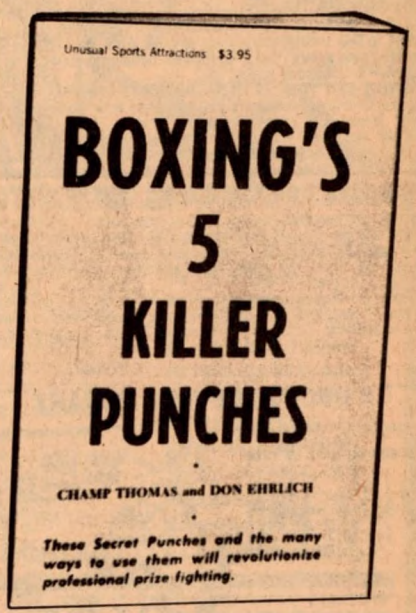

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SULLIVAN COPS NOD OVER WADE

By ART MAXIM

Johnny Sullivan, 133, of Kearny hammered out a unanimous decision over Billy Wade, 125, of New York City in the main event in the special "Rumble in the Oval" at Nutley High. Wade attempted to finesse his way through the early rounds of the ten rounder, however, Sullivan continued to mount a two fisted attack that brought him home a winner and put his record at 18-4-1.

Ron Vassalo, 183, a Nutley High teacher, displayed a stronger attack as he stopped Johnny Kane, 184, of Bayonne in 37 seconds of the third round. Earlier one of Vasalo's students, Bobby Mann, 135, also of Nutley, knocked out Irish Pete O'Keefe, 140, of Jersey City in 2:36 of the third round.

In scheduled four rounders, Richard Roy of Sparta, a heavyweight protege of former WBA heavyweight champ Jimmy Ellis and Muhammed Ali's cornerman Drew Bundini Brown, took a decision from Robert Quinones of Paterson and Weekhawken light heavyweight Chris Costanaza halted Frank Spitz at 1:58 of the first round.

▲Totowa, New Jersey — IRISH NATIONAL team versus JERSEY GLADIATORS (amateurs)

The featured heavyweight bout ended with slugger — Scott Frank of Oakland — knocking out standup orthodox boxer — John McLoughlin of Elainrobe, Ireland — with a left hook in 1:30 of the second round. The knockout increased Frank's chances of competing when the Russians bring an amateur team to Las Vegas later this year.

Tony Carbone, budding amateur light heavyweight managed by Dom Bufano, suffered a drawback in his career when the Jersey City State football player lost to Dover's David Burns before 2,000 fans at the Totowa Ice World.

Nino Gonzales of Bayonne lost a close decision to Matt Cowap of Ireland in the 147-pound class. Wilfred Mercano of Paterson, Sal Cinicola of Rivervale and Rusty Rosenberger of Clinton decisioned Irishmen Gus Farrell (119), Sean Doyle (125) and Sean Mannion (156) respectively.

The Emerald Isle winners included Jim Carson (112) in a decision over New York City's Mike Rodario and Phil Stcliffe (112), who scored a TKO over Adonis Torres of New York City in 1:14 of the second round. Gary Hamill of Belfast decisioned Elizabeth's Vito Maselli in a 139-pound bout.

▲WEST NEW YORK (N.J.) RECREATIONAL CENTER — Three of Hudson County's five boxers on the West New York Recreation Center boxing card came out winners. Ramon "Rocky" Ranquello (178) of West New York registered a one round knockout of Irish Bobby O'Brien, a New York City cop, in the scheduled featured eight-round light-heavyweight bout. The 24-year-old Ranquello dropped O'Brien for an eight count and the bout was finally stopped at 2:24 of the first round when the Mexican fighter pummeled O'Brien with rights and lefts.

Mike Estifire, a Syrian now residing in Brooklyn, was very impressive in decisioning Hoboken's Gil Rosario Estifire at 166 pounds was the stronger of the two anddisplayed knowledgeable boxing skills in putting his record at 17-0.

Benny Perez of Hoboken took a four round decision over Rocky Cosmo of New York City in a middleweight bout; Benito Jiminez, also of Hoboken, suffered a first round TKO at the hands of unbeaten Pee Wee Suarez (9-0) in 31 seconds of the first round of their scheduled four-round lightweight match; Weekhawken's Christy Costanza was unimpressive in decisioning Daivd Horne of Lodi in a four round heavyweight bout, and James Magnifico of Hackensack took a four-round decision from Roberto Sanchez of Brooklyn in a featherweight bout.

A crowd of close to 1,000 was on hand for the show.

O'GRADY SCORES 45TH KO VICTORY

By TOM PARKER

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sean O'Grady returned to the ring after a seven-week layoff to battle in the featherweight division. The "Green Machine" made short work of Mexico's Gilberto Lara by scoring a kayo 2:17 into the first round for his 51st win against one loss. It was Sean's 45th knockout victory.

Pete Knight, OC, knocked out Larry Smith, McAlester, Okla., 3; Clyde Spencer, McAlester, outpointed Dennis Horne, Bethany, Okla., 4; Tony McMinn, Quapaw, Okla., decisioned Troy Vaughn, Wichita Falls, 6.

▲OKLAHOMA CITY — Middleweight Dennis Haggerty, Dallas, used a chopping right hand to the head to demolish Memphis' Simmie Black in five rounds to win the feature attraction of the night. Haggerty floored Black three times enroute to the win.

Heavyweight Herbert "Heavyduty" McIntosh, McAlester, Okla., outpointed Pete Knight, Okla. City, 4. Welterweights Clyde Spencer, McAlester, knocked out Wendell Helm, Chandler, Okla., 2. Middlweights Rocky Mathews, Wellston, Okla., knocked out Melvin Young, Little Rock, Ark., 3.

HERNANDEZ WHIPS JENKINS

By ARTHUR REMBERT

NEW YORK — Promoter Chet Cummings filled Vincent's Place with a SRO crowd of 1150 hardy rain drenched souls to sitness an exciting fight card featuring the Pride of Puerto Rico, Miguel Hernandez, against Joe Frazier's protege Jake "The Body Beater" Jenkins in the Co-main event. Sharing the top slot with Hernandez was C.J. Bar Brown, (Pronounced Ceejabar) versus John Warr.

The card opened up impressively enough with an out and out war between Ramon Roman and Angel Ortiz. The game Ortiz had his moments because of his non-stop aggression, but Roman was simply too strong at 133 pounds to Ortiz' 126. With Roman landing virtually at will by the fourth round, referee Vinnie Ferguson intervened and stopped the bout.

Lightheavies John Powell (174) and Curis Goins (172) picked up right where Roman and Ortiz left off. Powell, who won the first round with a left hook-straight right combination, must have tipped Goins off, because in the second round Goins started to throw some left hooks of his own that were so devastating he didn't even need the right hand. With the leather these two were throwing, it was a pipe cinch that it wouldn't go the distance. Around twenty seconds before the end of the second round Goins sent Powell to the canvas with a left hook, and although Powell did manage to beat the count, one of his cornermen ran out and grabbed him, wisely putting a halt to the hostilities. A rematch most certainly appears to be in order.

The semi final produced the first bout of the evening to go the distance. This middleweight sixer matched Reggie Ford (156) with Charlie Dione (160) in a bout where Ford copped the duke but he earned every round of it. Your reporter scored this one 3-1-2 for Ford who had to fight his way out of Dione's rope and corner traps in just about every single round.

The first half of the co-main event had C.J. Bar Brown working against John Warr. Warr seemed unimpressed, however, as he kept Brown on his best behavior and most of all, serious, by repeatedly landing with a looping overhand right through most of the early rounds. Brown started to come around the fourth round when Warr was looking for his second wind, then finished strong enough to cop the nod. Still, Warr, had kept enough pressure on Brown so that when the MC accidentally announced that Warr had won, their was sort of a mixed reaction as opposed to the customary boos that you hear when someone delivers a bad decision. The decision was quickly reversed however, and the C.J. Bar Brown contingent which was considerable, all breathed a big sigh of relief.

The second shalf of the co-main event sent local prospect Miguel Hernandez in against Jake Jenkins of Philadelphia in a Jr. middleweight smoker. Your reporter didn't envy the judges one bit in this one that seemed like a small version of those classic Ali-Frazier encounters. Jenkins was always moving forward and landing smashing body shots with both hands in the process. Hernandez, on the other hand, would be moving in and out and side to side behind a crisp jab and a good sneak right hand, only coming down off his toes to flurry. Hernandez copped the decision in the best bout of the vening, despite the fact that neither fighter visited the mat.

FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ PASSES

By J.F. SANCHEZ-ACOSTA

Recently, the terrible scythe of the Grim Reaper ended the life at the early age of 28, of one of the most highly esteemed and popular boxers of the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico: Fausto -Ceja- Rodriguez.

The boxer died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident, after the car that the fighter was driving slipped in the wet highway, went off its tracks and hit another car drove by a Dominican physician. The death of Rodriguez happened exactly 8 days after he defeated Alfonso Hayman in 10 heats, in the Palacio de los Deportes of Santo Domingo.

Dying with Ceja was his 24 year old wife, Bertha Altagracia Javier and their son Fausto, Jr., aged 3.

As we later learned Fausto was on his way back to Santo Domingo, after celebrating his third anniversary as "national welterweight champion" in the city of San Pedro de Macoris, located about 75 kilometers east of the capital. The crown was won by Ceja after defeating Dario Hidalgo in the Palacio de los Deportes, before a crowd of seven thousand fans in what was called "The Fight of Titans."

On February 15, 1970 the fistic world of Dominican Republic suffered another blunt death blow, when the airplane that was carrying the former lightweight champion Carlos -Teo- Cruz crashed near the coast og Boca Chica, and the first man to bring a world boxing title to Dominican Republic died with his wife and children.

Rodriguez began his amateur career when he was chosen to participate in the "Centro Americano y del Caribe de Boxeo Aficionado" tournament thattook place in Havana, Cuba, in 1970, where he won a silver medal.

During his amateur experience he fought so often that soon he ran out of opponents. Then in 1971 the Puerto Rican singer and trainer Felipe -La Voz- Rodriguez (no relation) saw him training in a gym in San Juan, Puerto Rico and advised the young boxer to turn pro.

Under the singer's guidance Fausto recorded 14 triumphs by K.O., making good use of his speed and a well mastered jab and hook combination. His victories over top-ranked men in his division brought hima international prestige and he soon became an idol in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

We still remember the fight between Alfonso Hayman and Ceja Rodriguez — his last encounter — and reckon how Ceja, being faster and cleverer than Hayman confused the latter in every round.

The fight itself was good, exciting and very close up to the 5th round, with both men attempting to deliver a K.O. Ceja used all his tamina and savvy to bring down his foe, but was never able to KO Hayman.

From the sixth round on Fausto was in command all the way as he scored with every punch in the book up to the final bell. The American also delivered several good rallies and stung Ceja with a rightcross in the third. Hayman lacked his usual speed and appeared content to slip and block punches while Ceja piled up points to win.

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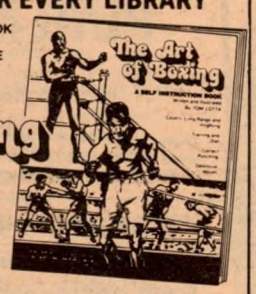

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GANIGAN ICES CONTRERAS

By TED YAMACHIKA

Andrew Ganigan, 134½, Honolulu, posted his 19th consecutive win (18 by knockout) by dumping Roman Contreras, 134¾, Calif., in the second of a scheduled tenner at the Blaisdell MEmorial Center. A left uppercut, flush to the jaw, put Contreras down with a thund. Struggle as he would he couldn't raise himself off the floor before the ten count.

It was an easy win for the Honolulu lad, and Contreras, who had never fought a southpaw before helped matters considerably by disregarding instructions and taking too many chances while moving in the wrong direction, which might be interpreted to mean that Contreras was badly overmatched.

In a companion ten round bout, Edwin Alarcon, 122, Philippines, TKO'ed David Barrera, 120¾, Mexico, in the eighth. The latter suffered a cut eye and the fight was stopped.

Virgilio Legaspe, 128¾, Philippines, outpointed Mario Manrique, 128, Mexico, six.

David Meadows, 156¼, Honolulu, decisioned Tama Elasi, 153¼, Samoa, in four.

Via Fa, 165¾, Samoa, beat Mark Junior, 165¼, Fiji, four.

▲**On another card,** Edwin Alarcon, 122, Philippines, knocked out Mauricio Garcia, 123, San Salvador, in the second of ten.

Orlando Javierto, 120¾, Philippines, finished Charlie Jaiaut, 120½, Thailand, in the fourth of six.

Virgilio Legaspe, 126, Philippines, chilled Sam Kakikina, 126, Honolulu, in the third of five.

Malo Fale, 131¼, Honolulu, defeated Loreto Tabugadir, 134½, Philippines, in four.

Ronald Richardson, 141½, Honolulu, decisioned Simi Leo, 145, Honolulu, four.

Edmund Gouveia, 140, Honolulu, beat Jorge Zenquis, 139½, Honolulu, four.

▲**Ben Villaflor,** former junior lightweight titleholder, who had been training for a comeback, was advised to give up fighting entirely due to a bone condition in his elbow. Dr. Robert L. Smith, who examined the 24 year old puncher, said, "There is no surger we can perform to get him back to boxing."

▲**Long time boxing promoter "Sad" Sam Ichinose** will be celebrating his 70th birthday before long. So his friends are giving him a testimonial dinner before the year's out. Sam has been in the boxing game for more than fifty years as a trainer, manager, promoter, etc. He has even been an amateur fighter but don't ask him how good he was.

COCOA SANCHEZ BACK

By CHARLES D. BROWN

MANHATTAN, NYC — With what looks like the imminent closing of Queens' Sunnyside Gardens due to that old bugaboo, unprofitability; club cards in the Metropolitan area are going to be few and lonesome.

A crowd of 400 or so turned out to noisily welcome back to the ring world junior lightweight contender Ezequiel (COCOA) Sanchez (135; Dominican Republic). Sanchez was having his first bout since former world champ Alexis Arguello destroyed him in four in a June 1977 Madison Square Garden bout. The comeback was a rapid one, considering how Cocoa got busted up that night. Maybe too rapid. He has lost the punching power he displayed in earlier stateside appearances — for how long is anybody's guess. But Cocoa still had his legs and ring savvy, and he used them to take a reasonably effortless 10-round unanimous decision from Rocky Camora (141); a Massachusetts-based Argentinian. Camora was the attacker, constantly coming at the speedy contender with clumsy lunges. Occasionally, he would connect.

For the first section of the fight, Sanchez depended on jabs and shifty maneuvers, attempting to tire the awkward Camora out. When it became obvious that Camora wasn't going to tire, Sanchez decided to let things continue as they were. Although it was a profound disappointment to those who wanted some heavy punching, the bout wasn't totally without interest. Camora had a good ninth round, but Sanchez didn't allow him to get any closer than that and stepped his way to a win.

No official gave him any more than three rounds (Camora). Hopefully, Sanchez's inclination to disdain exchanges is only temporary. It was not part of the style that made him a contender.

In an eight-round semi-final, Bobby Alexander (134; Brooklyn) continued his slow climb up the ladder as he outmuscled Rufus Figueroa (133; NYC) over the distance in an exciting match. Figueroa was lanky and had a tremendous advantage in reach, but Alexander pressed him continually and never gave him a chance to use it. Slugging obviously wasn't something Figueroa was used to. By the time he was ready to join in that way of fighting, Alexander had piled up a sizeable points lead and switched to play-it-safe boxing. In a sixer, Manny Quiles (126) copped a narrow split decision over Marcial Santiago (125¼) in all-Puerto Rican featherweighter. The two had drawn over four heats at the same arena last month.

Angel Perales (153) won a points verdict over Daniel Johnson (148) in an all-Brooklyn four-rounder. Perales was much stronger and kept Johnson pinned on the ropes taking punishment all night-eroo.

The hit of the card, as he usually is wherever he fights, was Cuban exile Raul Adams (158½); a fast-rising middleweight. It was Adams first bout in some time, and he came in over his usual 154 pound fighting weight. HE was sluggish, and Ray Bryant (158; Newark) lasted longer with Adams than he would have under regular circumstances.

Coming out for the sixth and final round all business, Adams sent Bryant's mouthpiece sailing South of the Border with a crushing right to the mouth. Bryant was out of it from that point on and two light flurries sent him down for eight and four counts. The ref halted things at 258 of the final round.

KNOETZE KO'S RICHARD DUNN

By ED CLARK

CAPE TOWN — Charlie Weir, fast rising junior middleweight after three first round victories forced Coenie Bekker to call it quits in the fifth round at the Hall of Industries, Goodwood Showgrounds before a crowd of 4,000 fans. Bekker was down five times in all, twice in the third and three times in the fifth round. In the opening stanza Bekker was on the retreat with Weir chasing but Weir was caught with good blows from the tough Bekker. Weir used his left to open up the fight in the second and was K.O. hungry with his right. In the third Weir, coming out of a clinch, caught Bekker with his hands down and let fly with a left hook to the jaw. Bekker went down, but rose on rubbery legs and tried to clinch but was sent down again with a left and right to the head. Bekker fought back in the fourth, but was running out of steam and it was sheer exhaustion that made him quit in the fifth after a hook to the body.

Peet van der Westhuizen decisioned Manny de Jesus, 6, junior welters; Phillip van As T.K.O.'d Petrus Karsten, 3, junior-welters; Reggie Peters T.K.O.'d Dana Blignaut, 3, feathers; Keith Bradford K.O.'d Billy Joseph, 2, junior middles; Jan Blignaut T.K.O.'d Gielie Truter, 1, junior welters.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** — Kallie Knoetze K.O.'d Britisher Richard Dunn in the fifth round before a capacity crowd of 12,000 at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium. Knoetze started slowly then in the fifth caught Dunn with a right to the head and the British heavyweight contender staggered backwards. He was then hit with a right uppercut and went down, and during the count of "8" tried to use the ropes to get on his feet but didn't make it. Knoetze, on the threshold of a fight with Muhammed Ali, took no chances and Dunn used his left jab in the first round to win the round on some cards.

Knoetze's body attack in the second had Dunn giving ground and Dunn on the retreat was wary fo Knoetze's right hand. Knoetze was nicked over both eyes in the third, but kept up the attack and uppercuts to the jaw shook Dunn. Dunn was caught with a right uppercut and Knoetze rained blows on him but Dunn weathered the storm. Knoetze was well in control in the fourth and Dunn took heavy blows and at the end of the round was caught in a corner but the bell came to the rescue. Knoetze shot in a short right in the beginning of the fifth and Dunn had glassy eyes and wobbly legs. Two hard rights to the body preceded the K.O. which referee Stan Christodoulou tolled for the beaten Dunn.

In an action packed 10 rounds junior welter fight Harold Volbrecht gained a points win to upset Norman "Panga-man" Sekgapane. Sekgapane started well but faded and Volbrecht came back strongly to take a close decision. Volbrecht's left eye was cut in the second round but it did not hamper him for in the ninth round with some vicious left hand punching almost put "panga-man" away but Sekgapane rallied with a storming finish in the final round but not good enough to win the decision.

Viccie Pretorious decisioned Norman Hlhalele, 4, flyweights; Jan Beneke outscored Emmanuel Gumede, 4, welters; Martin Barnard iced Joseph Matjiu, 4, light heavyweights; Weits de Beer outpointed Jackson Hlongwane, light heavyweights; Gert Craemer outscored Dominic Germishuys, 4, middleweights.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** — Peet Bothma became the new S.African lightweight champion (white version) by handing out a beating to Eddie Mileham over 12 rounds at the Mayfair gym of promoter Pierre Fourie before a crowd of 1,000. Bothma took 11 of the 12 rounds and knocked down Mileham in the third, sixth and eighth rounds. Mileham damaged his right hand in the fifth and it was used just once more in the fight, that in the 12th when he tried for aknock out. Bothma was cut under both eyes and his gorehead. Wiets de Beer outslugged, it was that much of a brawl, Smiley Giesing, 6, Light-heavyweights; Phillip van As and Hardy Mileham ended even, 4, junior welters; Dominic Germishuys outscored Sias Bosch, 4, middles; Alex Venter decisioned Jan Blignaut, 4, featherweights; Apie Smith outscored Neil Lang, 4, junior middleweights.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** — Sydney Bensch, unbeaten to date took the vacant Transvaal middleweight tile by clearly outpointing Johan de Beer over 10 rounds at the Wembley Ice Rink before a sparse crowd of 800. de Beer was dropped three times in the fourth with left hooks to the body and head. Bensch paced himself well and de Beer showed courage in lasting.

Gert Craemer gained a narrow points victory over Johnny Sham over 8 rounds in the junior middleweight division. Craemer's nonstop aggression gained him the victory.

Louis Fourie, T.K.O'd Andre Nel, 5, welterweights; Morris Wainstein back after a long lay-off due to injury outscored Johan Burger, 4, featherweight; Hardy Mileham decisioned Peet van der Westhuizen, 4, junior welters; Anton Retief T.K.O'd Piet de Beer, 2, middlweights.

▲**DURBAN** — Gert Steyn vieing for a shot at Eddie Gazo's world junior middleweight title kept in the picture by outpointing Angel Ortiz, a Puerto Rican fighting out of U.S.A. over 10 rounds at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium before a crowd of about 4,000. Steyn was given a battle by Ortiz who only managed to win a round but showed gameness in lasting. There were no knockouts but Oritz was cut over the left eye by a right hook in the fifth. Ortiz who employed mainly a left jab inflicted a cut over Steyn's left eye. Steyn adept with combinations was unable to drop his opponent. Steyn outpunched and outfought Ortiz to win the decision.

Doug Lumley won a 10 rounds points decision over Tom Howard, U.S.A. in the middleweight division. Lumley, a southpaw jabbed with his right effectively and also hooked off the jab and the American meeting his first south-paw opponent in 35 fights counterpunched strongly to keep in the picture. There were no knockdowns. Lumley is tall and possesses a long reach and the shorter Howard had a battle on his hands. Howard used wild rights to the head but Lumley was able to pick him off to pile up the points. Lumley repeatedly caught his opponent with lightning jabs to the head and uppercuts to the body.

Andries Steyn made short work of Moses Mthembu by scoring a Ko. in the second round. This junior welterweight fight had a quiet first round but inthe second Steyn caught Mthembu with a short left hook and Mthembu was down. Another left hook got him again on rising and it was over.

Peter Mathebula stopped Blessing Vesi, 1, bantamweights; Andre Rheeders shaded Shadrack Zulu, 4, junior welters; Wentzel Marais T.K.O.'d Graham Mdigni, junior middleweights.

DENNY GRADUATES TO MAIN EVENTS

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL — Promoter Regis Levesque had a pair of ten round bouts headlining his card at the Paul Sauve Arena. As expected Gerald Bouchard proved to be too strong for Marshall Butler, who ended up a unanimous decision loser. Those fans who missed the Cleveland Denny-Caeton Hart ten round lightweight bout missed a real blood bath with Denny taking part in his first ten round bout coming out a unanimous winner.

Gerald Bouchard, Montreal, 158½, was far too strong, rough and rugged for Marshall Butler, Quebec, 149¼, to handle. Bouchard with his 'in-close' attack through the entire ten rounds simply gave Butler no chance to do any boxing. The relentless attack set up by Bouchard, who worked the body and the head, had Butler a tired and beaten fighter by the half way mark.

With close to a ten pound weight advantage Bouchard by continuing to stay in close to Butler showed that he lacked the punching power to put away the very tired Butler. In the tenth round an overhand left put Butler down for the eight count but Bouchard was unable to land another clean shot before the final bell. The decision was merely a formality.

Cleveland Denny, Montreal, 136, remained unbeaten as a pro after taking part in his first ten round bout against Geoton Hart, Hull, 134, who proved to be a tough opponent for the twenty one year old Denny. The opening five rounds were fought at a very fast clip and when it came to boxing Hart would have had problems hitting Denny with a handful of bird seed. Showing the fans excellent boxing ability which he had fashioned from a brilliant amateur record, Denny tok complete control at the start. His fast jabs and fine left hooks jolted Hart back on his heels and in close the veteran fighter from Hull met his match in Denny. At the tell to end round nine both fighters and the referee were covered in blood and Hart returned to his corner sliced open over both eyes. In the final round both showed signs of tiredness from the fierce battle they had waged, it was Denny however that still had enough left to land the cleaner blows with Hart having problems seeing due to his cut eyes. The unanimous decision in favor of Denny was a correct one although the rooting section of Hart did not go for it. The crisp, clean punching of Denny throughout the fight made Hart's face look like someone had hit him with a bottle of ketchup. Denny came through his initial ten rounder like a pro and is ready for any lightweight in Canada now.

Making a return to Montreal after an absence of seven months, Daniel Levesque, Montreal, 155½, showed signs of his inactivity but still had plenty going for him to win a unanimous decision over Serge Proulx, Montreal, 162¾. Finding the range in the fifth and six rounds Levesque handed out some heavy punishment and Proulx did well to last the distance.

In a couple of six rounders a pair of 'turkeys' arrived from Lowell, Mass. too early for the Canadian Thanksgiving. First came Harney Cruz at 135¾. The only resemblance between Cruz and a professional boxer was that like his opponent Michel Rouleau, Montreal, 142¼, he wore boxing gloves, 1.24 of the first was long enough for this charade leaving Rouleau the winner. Willie Cruz, 146, managed to last six seconds longer than Harney Cruz. His opponent Alain Turenne, Montreal, 147¼, threw just one left hook at the 1.30. mark of the initial round and Willie Cruz hit the deck and was through for the night. The Commission plans to take action against the booking agents both in Montreal and Mass. who are responsible for the charades.

The Montreal fight fans did not forget the night of December 10th, 1958 when Yvon Durelle, the Canadian lightheavyweight champion for Baie Ste. Anne, N.B., fought a sensational battle with Archie Moore for the world liehgheavyweight crown. This was the bout which saw both fighters down four times to set a record in the light-heavyweight class for knockdowns in a championship bout of that class. What brought this to mind was that Durelle was on hand for the fight card and received a big hand from the crowd when he stepped into the Ring.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

After an idle period following the death of Sam Silverman boxing in Massachusetts finally got underway with a pair of interesting shows. Rip Valenti, veteran promoter, who was long associated with Silverman got the first show off the ground.

▲BOSTON Garden — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 158½, Brockton, easily disposed of late substitute, Ray Phillips, 161½, Dallas, whom he stopped in the seventh round. Phillips, a 20-year-old youngster, who filled in for Vinnie Curto, made a battle of it for only one round. Hagler picked up the tempo in round two and had the twice knocked down Phillips helpless by the seventh round.

Former featherweight titlists Willie Pep and Sal Bartolo boxed a three round exhibition that thrilled the fans. Tommy Collins, another featherweight highly rated in the same era, was the referee.

Jimmy Corkum, 143, Brockton, used fast boxing and sharp punching to pick up a unanimous deicision in the semi-final. Ron Dinkwater, 214. Malden, scored a fifth round TKO over Johnny Blaine, 190, Hartford, when Referee Ed Pasquina came to Blaine's rescue. Dom DiMarzo, 160, East Boston, won a clear cut six round decision over Jose Rodriguez, 155, Brockton, in the six rounder.

▲LOWELL Memorial Auditorium — Matty Ross, 178, Billerica, scored a three round knockout ovr Jimmy Robersom, 176, Somers. After a slow first round Roberson turned aggressor in the second and picked up an edge. He was even more aggressive in the third until he ran into a chaopping right to be dropped. Soon after arising a left hook spilled him again. Roberson tried to stretch the count to 9½ and missed.

David Ramalho, 112, Lowell, scored a lop-sided eight round decision over southpaw Herabito Sanchez, 110, New York. The local boy was cut by a butt in the sixth round. Jimmy Corkum, 141, Brockton, stopped Jose Ortiz, 135, Lowell, when the latter quit in his corner after three rounds. Joe Huston, 161, Lowell, came off the floor in each of the first two rounds to stop Bob Santos, 158, Brockton, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for round five. Jimmy Lopez, 130, Lawrence, toyed with Francisco Maldonado, 130, Lowell, for six rounds to pick up an easy win. Steve Coupe, 150, Lowell, needed 25 seconds to dispatch Jose Rodriguez, 152, Brockton, in the first round. In the curtain raiser, Joe Velmure, 224, Lowell, proved to be too big for Richard Harding, 194, Brockton, and won handily in the opening four.

DALE OVER GROUGHTON

By JOHN MCCAFFERTY

Promoter Ed Babst, presented the first of a series of professional boxing shows at the Cincinnati Convention Center. The show was a financial success as more than 1800 fans turned out.Roy Dale, 161, Cincinnati, won by K.O. over Gary Broughton, 160, Brantford, Ontario, at 2:06 of round nine;

Aaron Pryor, 135, Cincinnati, won an eight round decision from tough John Summerhays, 135, Brantford, Ontario in what was the best fight on the card;

Tony Reed, 122, Chicago, K.O.ed J.D. Cunningham, 116, Cincinnati, at 2:14 of the fourth round;

Tony Jones, 170, Cincinnati, K.O.ed Joe Blair, 161, Akron, at 2:20 of round five;

Tom Fischer, 210, Dayton, won a six round decision from Charlie "Big Tuna" Jordan, 206, Detroit;

Rich Christmas was the matchmaker.

▲COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bill Cummings, Promoter. Henry Grooms, matchmaker.

Vonsel Johnson, Columbus, K.O.ed Ronnie Wilson in the 10th round (light heavues);

Richard Rozelle, 122, Col., won 10 rd. decision from Wardell Williams, 126, Kansas City;

Pete Seward, 147, Col., won six round verdict over Tyrone Wren, 146½, Kansas City;

Hilmer Kinty, 135, Col., won six round decision from Steve Homan, 136, Kansas City in the first loss for Homan;

Forrest Winchester, 136, Col., won by t.k.o. at 2:09 of the 4th from Ray Green, 135½, Akron;

Rockie Lane, 127, Kalamazoo, won four round decision from Mike Johnson, 125, Mansfield, Ohio;

▲SALEM, Ohio — The Jaycees sponsored the first pro boxing show held in Salem in thirty nine years. The City has a population of just over 14,000. Some 2400 fans turned out to see local hero, Bobby Plegge, box his first main event.

"Little Iron Man" Bobby Plegge, 136, won an unanimous 10 round decision from a game Jerry Strickland, 136½, Cincinnati, with the fighters receiving a standing ovation at the end of the fight;

Gary Alexander, 169, Alliance, won a 6 round split decision from power punching Anthony Jones, 169½, Cincinnati;

Gary Coates, 156, Alliance, won an unanimous 6 round decision from Brislee Ross, 157, Canton;

Al "Earthquake" Carter, 134½, Alliance, won by K.O. at 1:04 of round two over George Adams, 136, Cincinnati.

SALDIVAR SEEKS SECOND TITLE FIGHT

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Carlos — Vicente Saldivar successfully defended his North American Boxing Federation lightweight title when Jose Talamantez was unable to come out for the eighth of a scheduled twelve round bout at Circle Star Theater. Talamantez's left eye was completely shut when the ringside doctor ordered the bout halted.

Saldivar's manager, Harry Kabakoff, claims to have been promised a meeting for his fighter with world champion Roberto Duran in Panama. Six months ago Saldivar was knocked out by Estaban DeJesus in what was reportedly an easy win for DeJesus. Prior to that Saldivar had two important wins, over Randy Shields and Vilomar Fernandez, both by decision.

The victory over Talamantez will go in the record book as a knockout, only the seventh knockout credited to Saldivar in his 29 professional bout career.

Talamantez, 134, San Jose, also lost his California State lightweight title in taking his second straight lose in fifteen pro starts. He was unable to cope with Saldivar's hand speed and over all boxing ability. Saldivar, 135, Durango, Mexico, fought an intelligent fight. He used his best asset, his boxing talent.

The card was promoted by Joe Gagliardi, of the Garden City Boxing Club, who must have felt quite disappointed after watching two of his three man attractions do gown in defeat. A crowd of 1415 turned out and left over $16,000 at the gate.

In the opening ten rounder on the card, local hotshot Leonel Valencia, 125, who was previously unbeaten, had his lights dimmed in the second round at the hands of Aljeandro Orejel, 127, of Los Angeles.

Valencia, from Redwood City, had a good first round and that was all. In the second both fighters went down after an exchange of punches. In the confusion the referee gave Orejel, who appeared to have slipped, the mandatory eight count. Orejel protested and within seconds put Valencia down with a right hand. Another right hand and Valencia went down again. Valencia got up but it was just target practice for Orejel who finally floored Valencia for the full count.

The one bright spot for the fans and promoter was provided by unbeaten Erwin Williams, of Oakland. He dominated Renato Garcia, of Chile, for seven rounds, and then caught fire in the eighth and scored an impressive knockout over the veteran middleweight.

Garcia, 161, has been in against dozens of top level competitors over a six year career and has earned a record of 43-14-3. Although past his prime, Garcia is still an experienced and crafty fighter, and no easy pickings for a fellow, like Williams, with only eleven pro bouts.

Williams now has twelve bouts, twelve wins, and ten knockouts. In his two previous fights he stopped Chuchu Garcia and Vicente Medina. Promoter Joe Gagliardi would like to match Williams with either David Love or George Cooper. If such a match were to come about in the near future it would either place Williams in the top rankings or provide yet another setback for local boxing fans.

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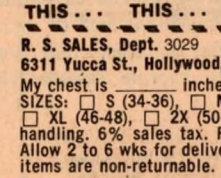

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In December of 1949 he lost a ten-round duke to Sandy Saddler, starting a checkerboard career. He did defeat, Paddy DeMarco, Arthur Persley, Paola Rosi, Johnny Gonzales, Jimmy Carter, Ludwig Lightburn and Glen Flanagan. He received his once-in-a-lifetime chance to gain a title when he met Joe Brown on June 19, 1957, in Denver. After a gallant battle, Orlando succumbed in the final round, the only time in his career he would taste canvas for ten seconds. After several bouts, Orlando retired in 1960. His career spanned 15 years in which time he engaged in 124 bouts, winning 68, losing 42, drawing in 14. He was a television favorite like Gavilan. He died following a stabbing outside of a San Francisco bar in 1971 at the age of 47.

Completing the trio of Cuban standouts in this era was competent heavyweight Nino Valdez who, along with Eddie Machen and Zora Folley, met the finest men of their period without getting a title shot. Valdez was a lanky heavyweight, standing 6'4" but with deceptive power. He had up moments like stopping Don Cockell and Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson, two men who fought for the title, and down moments like being stopped by Charles "Sonny" Liston in just three rounds. He was a likeable man with fine skill and gameness who lacked that extra something to be truly great. He is now the proprietor of a plush New York restaurant.

During the decline of these three stars Cuba did not experience a dearth of fistic talent. Two quality contenders arrived on the scene just as the 1960's began. Benny "Kid" Paret and Ultiminio Sugar Ramos would go on to fame as world champions, and then both be involved in irreversible tragedies.

The first to reach notable stature was Paret as a welterweight. Born on March 14, 1973, in Santa Clara, Las Villas, Paret won 28 and lost 1 as an amateur. He began his professional career with a one-round KO of Esmerido Moya and went onto a winning streak of 13. He was stopped by Rolando Rodriguez, temporarily halting his ascent to stardom. He went 21 and 6 from that point, losing twice to countryman Luis Rodriguez. He made the best of a title opportunity when he decisioned champion Don Jordan over fifteen rounds to win the world crown in 1960. He retained this crown with a decision over Federico Thompson then lost his laurels to dangerous Emile Griffith via a 13-round KO, in 1961. Five months later he regained the title with a split-decision over Griffith who claimed robbery on the call. Like Gavilan before him Paret's ambitions included the middleweight crown then held by Gene Fullmer. The powerful Mormon was too heavy for Paret and pounded him to a brutal tenth-round defeat.

Too soon after this, Paret, still welterweight champ, agreed to fight Griffith again in March. Vicious slander was exchanged between the two men before the battle, and Griffith seemed especially hot. Many claim that Emile was out for blood that evening, others that Paret had not recovered from the Fullmer beating, while some blame the slow reaction of the referee in halting the contest as a cause for Paret's injuries, but whatever the reason, the terrible affair ended in the 12th round with Griffith mercilessly finishing the Kid. Benny died ten days later, never regaining consciousness. The fight is one of the darkest stains upon the long list of boxing's many contests.

Ramos was another victim of tragedy but in a different way. Born on December 2, 1941, in Matanzas, Cuba, Ramos began his career explosively, scoring 24 KO's in his first 34 wins before losing on a foul to Rafael Camacho in 1961.

Seven more victories led to a fateful meetingwith champion Davey Moore in Los Angeles on March 21, 1963. Ramos was brilliant as he overwhelmed the favored Moore and rendered him helpless in ten rounds. What looked like an ordinary knockout became another boxing tragedy as Moore died of injuries in the battle two days later. 18 months after this misfortune Ramos lost his title and his near-perfect record to Vicente Saldivar via a 12th-round stoppage.

That would be Ramos' last featherweight escapade as he turned lightweight contender. He fought and lost twice to Carlos Ortiz for the 135-pound crown by KO in a final try for glory. Ramos went 5-3-1 in his last nine outings, losing by TKO to Cesar Sinda in ten rounds in 1972 as a final gasp. Unfortunately he is remembered as the man who killed Moore, and not as the best Cuban featherweight since Kid Chcolate 30 years before.

On the same night in a championship doubleheader, countryman Luis Rodriguez defeated Emile Griffith for the welterweight title. Rodriguez was born on June 17, 1937, in Camaguez and began his pro career at age 19. Luis won his first 36 fights begore dropping a ten-round decision to the pesky Griffith. Luis went 15 and one after this and got revenge for himself and countryman Paret when he decisioned Griffith for the title. His win was short-lived as Emile stormed back on June 8th to regain the crown. In a rubber match, Rodriguez lost a third tough decision in 1964. Luis continued to win until Curtis Cokes stopped him in the last round of a July 6, 1966, meeting. Luis pressed on however to win 23 out of 24 and became a large presence in the middleweight division. Champion Nino Benvenuti met his challenge in Rome on November 22, 1969, and became the second man to stop Rodriguez, this time in 11 rounds. Rodriguez ended his career in 1972 after dropping a ten-round verdict to Donato Paduano. In 121 contests he lost only 13 times while never disgracing his country or his profession.

This history bring us to the fourth in succession of Cuban welterweight kings, Jose Napoles and the present. Known as "Mantequilla" or "smooth as butter" to his Mexican fans, the brilliant Cuban made a lasting mark on the minds of fight fans everywhere. Jose was born on April 13, 1940, in Santiago de Cuba, Oriente. He won 40 and lost only four through his first eight years of professional fighting before one L.C. Morgan stunned the world by halting Napoles in four rounds in 1966.

Napoles avenged this loss with a two-round icing of Morgan less than a year later. The number one contender won his title the first time by stopping Curtis Cokes on April 18, 1969. He repeated the feat in ten rounds two months later and also decisioned Emile Griffith to retain his crown in October. These great wins earned him the Fighter of the Year citation in 1969. Napoles defeated Ernie Lopez by kayo in 1970 in a third defense but was shocked by hard-nosed Billy Backus whos sliced up his eyes and took his crown later that year.

Jose became a two-time champion when he blasted Backus out in eight rounds in their 1971 rematch. Napoles defeated Hedgemon Lewis, Jean Josselin, Ralph Charles, Adolph Pruitt, Ernie Lopez, Roger Menetrey and Clyde Gray in title defenses, an impressive list.

Jose, however, fell victim to the same fault of Gavilan, Paret and Rodriguez by trying to step up in class and win a second crown. The great Carlos Monzon finished Napoles in seven rounds in 1974 but not for good. Even in his thirties, Napoles was the best at his weight in the world beating Lewis again, Horacio Saldano, and Armando Muniz twice. Age and punishment were showing at this point as Muniz almost upset the Napoles bandwagon. John Stracey placed the period on Napoles reign on December 6, 1975, by stopping the no longer smooth "Mantequilla" in six rounds in Mexico City. An all-time great, Napoles is assured a place in the Hall of Fame.

In the place of professionals Cuba now only boasts of amateur stars like Teofilo Stevenson the Olympic gold-medal winner. Large money offers have been made to the 6'5" heavyweight to begin hitting people for more than glory. Stevenson has refused, prefering to lavish in the adoring eyes of his people. One can only wonder how the policy of his government has affected his stand. He question remains is Napoles the last of his breed? As the Cubans say "Quien sabe?" Who knows? The eyes of the world will be watching for the answer.

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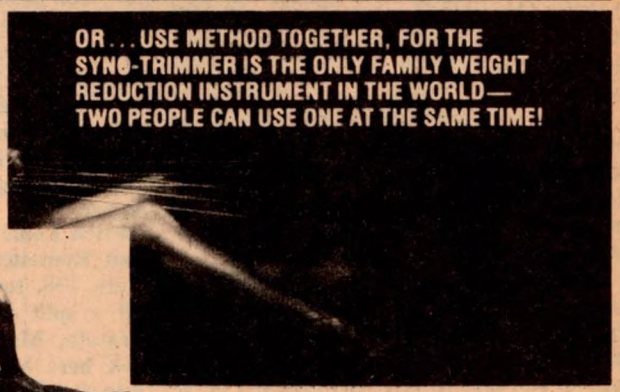

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CENTRAL FLORIDA ACTION

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

For the third time this year, promotoer Pete Ashlock drew over 3,500 fans to his Orlando Sports Stadium. Although it wasn't a local record, a big house of 3,761 fans paid a record gate of $21,955 to see Southern junior middlweight chanp Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 151½, stop challenger Joey Vincent, 150½, on a 10th-round TKO.

Vincent could not come out for the final round. He was far behind on points to Ross. Vincent, guaranteed $5,000 against 25% of the net receipts, took home $5,269 for his efforts. Ross, contracted for $3,500 against 20%, ended up with $4,215. It was the most either fighter had ever made, locally or on the road.

Ross is now unbeaten in 40 fights, qualifying him for inclusion in **The Ring Record Book** listings in that category. Overall, the slugging Mad Dog is now 47-1-2, with 36 KOs. Vincent, who still holds the Florida welterweight title, slipped to 39-6-2, with 35 KOs.

Termite Watkins, 134, Orlando, scored a third-round TKO over Cuyo Mendoza, 132, Dallas by way of Monterrey, in scheduled 10-round semifinal. Watkins, 21, is a Houston resident who trains and fights out of Orlando under handler Dominick Polo.

Sammy Masias, 147, Homestead, pounded out a third-round TKO over Cliff Johnson, 151, St. Augustine in a scheduled eight. Manager Ben Lonic's non-stop puncher is now 11-1-1, with 10 KOs, and shooting for a rematch with Orlando's Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark. The winner of Clark-Masias would be in line for a shot at Joey Vincent's state welter title.

A good prospect is what they're calling 16-year-old James Salerno, .161, Orlando, who stopped Willie Chaney, 162, Tampa, in three sessions. Salerno, a Lake Howell High sophomore, is now 8-0, 3 KOs. And he won't be 17 until next July!

Chris Lang, 164, Orlando, repeated a four-round decision over Bob Franchino, 164, St. Petersburg. Each has fought twice as a pro, both against each other. Five amateur bouts opened the big card.

▲GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The second show of the year at Great Southern Music Hall again attracted a free-drinking, enthusiastic crowd to see a combined pro-am card. The promotional triumverate of Albert Tabaggi-Jim Forsner-Dennis Stinson, with Bruce Trampler as matchmaker, had two pro fights and a half-dozen simon pure scraps.

Leon Shaw, 219, Jacksonville, stopped Clarence Morris, 210, St. Petersburg, who could not answer the bell for round four due to a badly lacerated eye. It was Shaw's third straight KO this year, since coming back under manager Billy Mitchell.

Henry (Slick) Mitchell, 160, Brunswick, Ga., is a big favorite here, outpointed Tommy Killer) Ellis, 159, Tampa, in an eight-rounder.

▲TAMPA, Fla. — Southern Boxing Promotions (Charlie Andrews, John Ormsby, and Ron Meyer, with Orlando matchmaker Bruce Trampler) headlined a new face in Termite Watkins, one of the brightest lightweight hopes in the world.

Watkins, 134, Orlando and Houston, punched out tough Paul Garcia, 139, San Antonio, in the fifth round of their 10-spot. Watkins had been training in Orlando, helping Frankie Santore get ready for his Baltimore match with Sugar Ray Leonard, and Southern Boxing put together a card to take advantage of his presence in Florida.

Watkins boxed again in Orlando just five days later, and scored a kayo there.

Frankie Suarez, 162, Tampa, won his rubber match on six-round decision over Slick Mitchell, 161, Brunswick, Ga. Suarez improves each time out, and is popular with the Cigar City's Latin fans.

Monstrous James J. Beattie, the comebacking Minnesotan, made a nice hit here. The 6'8", 260-pounder from St. Paul ripped one left hook to the ribs near the end of the first round, and it was all she wrote **for Dwight Wiggins, 201, Tampa. Beattie, looking for a Twin Cities match with either Scott LeDoux or Duane Bobick, is in his early 30's, and quite a goodwill ambassador for the sport of boxing, as well as being an awesome attraction.**

▶Ben Lonic's upcoming Ryais brothers from Homestead fared very well. Kenny Ryals, 158, took a six-round decision, albeit a split duke, over Tiger Hall, 156, Sarasota. Martin Ryans, whose donnybrook here last month against Orlando's Lynn Crowder was one of the fights of the year, took three rounds this time to knock out Lou El-Sheba, of Jacksonville, with both weighing 134. Some 800 fans were at the Curtis Hixon Hall card.

▲DAYTONA BEACH — This East Coast resort claims to have the world's most famous beach, but it almost didn't have a fight card. From the Grand Casino to the Palaza Hotel, boyh of which nixed boxing due to zoning ordinances, the show finally ended up at the local National Guard Armory.

Joey Vincent, 153, Orlando but with a big following in this town 60 miles from home, stopped Tony Gardner, 155, Memphis, for the second time. Gardner could not come out for the seventh round due to cuts. It was a good solid punchout while it lasted, much more satisfying to the fans than their first Orlando encounter.

Debuting Willie Shannon, 175, Orlando, outpointed veteran George Holden, 199, Melbourne, in four. Willie Goodman, 195, Eustis, won a close four-round decision over Brian O'Melia, 201, Jersey City, who took the bout on short notice. Seven amateur matches completed the card.

▲ST. AUGUSTINE — Promoter Billy Mitchell keeps 'em coming in still another Eastern Florida coastal town, an hour's drive north of Daytona Beach. In the oldest city in America, the world's second oldest profession (fighting) goes over big with a pro-am format.

Leon Shaw, 219, Jacksonville, took a hard-fought unanimous eight-round duke over Tom Nickson, 203, Pensacola. Shaw won his fourth straight this year, and is now 13-8-1. Nickson, handled by vet Johnny Walker, is 2-2.

Eddie Davis, 153, Tampa, had too much savvy for localite Kelvin (Spook) Jackson, 149, and took a unanimous eight-round verdict. Old pro Davis is 14-39-5, while Spook is 5-5. Willie Shannon, 172, Orlando, won his second straight by outclassing debuting Doug Farrell, 180, in the first round.

▲PUNCH LINES — Frankie Santore's corner team in Baltimore included trainer Dominick Polo, cut man Jack Fletcher, and Joe Polo and Bruce Trampler . . . manager Pete Ashlock was unable to make the trip, due to business commitments . . . Santore earned $3,500 for his work . . . at this writing, Florida this year had hosted 52 fight cards, as opposed to 43 last year and 54 in 1975 — and we still have three months to go . . . 10 different Florida cities have had pro boxing this year, including Orlando, Tampa, Miami Beach, Miami, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Fernandina Beach, Daytona Beach, Tallahassee, Gainesville, and Fort Lauderdale . . . former Southern champ and high ranked contender in The Ring, Irish Gene Wells (55-12-5, 24 KOs) has spent the last three months in Orange County (Orlando) jail, and will soon be transferred some 50 miles westward to the Clermont Correctional Institute, to serve the balance of a seven-year sentence. Wells will train "inside" with former pro middleweight Leroy Fullard and amateur Curzito Sanchez, and may get out to fight again on a work-release program similar to those in Connecticut and elsewhere . . .all of Florida is proud of Mad Dog Ross' No. 10 junior middlweight ranking in The Ring's world ratings. He is No. 12 World Boxing Council, and hot after Rocky Mattioli or Eddie Gazo.

MCMINN SCORES KO

By RON COPHER

OKLA. CITY — Middlweight Tony McMinn of Quapaw, Okla., knocked out Dennis Haggerty of Dallas at 2:42 of the second round here at the Ramada Inn Convention Center.

The scheduled 10-rounder ended suddenly as McMinn exploded a sharp left hook to Hagge))rty's chin for the countout.

The win brings McMinn's pro record to 18-3 with 16 of the wins coming by knockout.

▲WICHITA, KANSAS — Sugar Ray Seales, 158, Tacoma, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Mike Hallacy. 161. Wichita, before 2500 fans at the Century II Convention Center.

Seales was too experienced for the rugged 25-year-old Wichita fireman as he landed punishing blows throughout the fight, opening a cut under Hallacy's left eye in the second round and knocking him down for a brief moment in the fourth.

The action bout saw the judges score for the 25-year-old Seales 100-03, 98-994, and 100-93. The win brought the 1972 Olympic Gold Medal winner's pro record to 40-4-1. The two year pro record of Hallacy is now 13-4 with nine knockouts.

After the bout Seales had this to say about Hallacy. He's a tough kid. He'll go a long ways. On any given day, he can fight anybody.

In other bouts Ned Hallacy. 179. Wichita knocked out Mike West. 161, Memphis, at 2:00 of round two. The other fighting Hallacy brother, Pat, 147, brought his pro record to 2-0 with a TKO win over Simmie Black, 144, Memphis. The bout was stopped at the end of the second round.

In a heavyweight prelim, Bob Hazelton, 221, Albuquerque, knocked out Roy Burwell, 202, Omaha, at 1:13 of the third round. Monty Burns, 134½, Wichita, scored a TKO over Willie Johnson, Memphis, at 2:34 of the third round. Phil Reed, 149, Earle, Arkansas, TKO'd Orville Jones, 154, Wichita, at 1:45 of the first round.

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